

## **VA General Medicine Clinic**

### VA Clinic description, location, and unique features

Our clinic is located on the main Portland VA campus and is a patient-centered medical home in which residents care for a diverse group of veterans who have served our country from World War II to present day conflicts. Within the VA system, residents are able to provide comprehensive and evidence-based primary care which is rarely limited by barriers of cost or access.

### VA patient population

The diversity of our patient population reflects the increasing diversity of the American military. Many of the patients seen in our clinic identify as female, as LGBTQ+, and as people of color. The VA system acts as a safety net for many veterans who could not otherwise afford health insurance and many of our patients are enrolled in VA supportive housing and vocational rehab programs.

### VA team-based care

Resident physicians at our clinic are supported by their Patient Aligned Care Team, which includes registered nurses who are the first point of contact for acute patient issues, administrative clerks, care associates, psychologists and psychiatrists available for same-day consultation, health coaches to aid patients in setting and achieving goals, and a supervising attending who works closely with residents to develop their skills in outpatient medicine. All VA clinic residents are issued VA laptops to streamline access to our medical record and resources while working offsite.

### VA clinic and specialty resources

Our residents have easy access to specialty medicine and surgical services through e-consults and in-person consultation. Residents have the opportunity to work within our integrated medicine/psychiatry substance use disorder clinic and in our women's clinic. All VA clinic interns rotate through our outpatient procedure clinic where they will learn skills including joint arthrocentesis and skin biopsies.

We hope you'll join our VA clinic family!