

# VISN 6



## Level I & Level II Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center Polytrauma Network Site Richmond

Provides acute, high intensity care and post-acute specialized rehabilitation with coordination of care and services

## Level III Polytrauma Support Clinic Teams Hampton Salisbury

Assess and manage on-going needs in the home community

## Level IV Polytrauma Point of Contacts Asheville Beckley Durham Fayetteville Salem

Refer patients who screen positive for traumatic brain injury to the appropriate component in the Polytrauma System of Care

**MIRECC**

*Mental Illness  
Research, Education  
and Clinical Center*

*Post Deployment Mental Health*



# VA-TBI Screening

## POLICY

All OEF/OIF veterans receiving medical care within the VA will be screened for possible TBI, and those who, on the basis of the screen, might have TBI will be offered further evaluation and treatment by clinicians with expertise in the area of TBI

## TBI Screen Clinical Reminder:

- ★ Identifies possible OIF/OEF participants
- ★ Confirms deployment to OIF/OEF locations
- ★ Screens for possible TBI

A positive screen does NOT diagnose TBI, and should lead to further evaluation for possible TBI

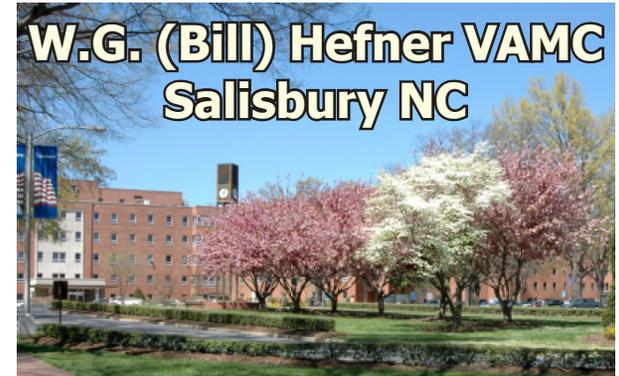
## Follow up Evaluation:

Secondary Specialty Evaluation will be done at nearest Level II or III site

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# PCST *Polytrauma Support Clinic Team*



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## Using the Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Screening and Management Tool

### ★ All Sites

Using the screening tool, determine if the individual has had a mTBI.

If positive for a mTBI, refer for full secondary specialty evaluation

### ★ Follow up Evaluation by Level II or III Site

If positive for a mTBI, determine if the individual is having evidence of symptoms of Post-Concussive Syndrome using the Neurobehavioral Symptom Inventory (NSI).

The NSI is a 22-item tool that has been validated for mTBI and is used by the DVBIC for assessing Active Duty/ Veterans for PCS-symptoms.

If positive, provide care per the Assessment, Treatment, and Follow-Up algorithms.

## Polytrauma Support Clinic Team (PCST) Salisbury VAMC

### PCST's Role:

Accept referral from any VISN 6 site following positive TBI screen

Participate in initial evaluation of mild TBI

Provide proactive Case Management

Management of stable sequelae

Routine follow-up

Consult with VISN 6 Polytrauma Network Site/ Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center in Richmond

Connected to the telehealth network

### Salisbury's PSCT:

Physiatrist  
Physical Therapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Neuropsychologist  
Neuropsychiatrist  
Neuropharmacologist  
Clinical Educator  
Social Work Case Manager

## Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI)

- ★ Mild TBI is a common injury in the civilian and military arenas.
- ★ Post-Concussive symptoms are common, but persistent Post-Concussive Syndrome is not.
- ★ Early diagnosis of both mTBI and PCS is important to begin appropriate education and treatment.
- ★ Early interventions, education and positive reassurance will result in rapid recovery and return to full activity.
- ★ When symptoms persist or become atypical, identifying experienced and skilled clinical providers will facilitate successful outcomes.