

# Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Center for Compassionate Care Innovation (CCI)

## Serving Veterans Through Innovative Strategic Partnerships

To provide hope and healing to Veterans, the Veterans Health Administration explores emerging and innovative approaches to treatment through its Center for Compassionate Care Innovation, a program within VHA's Office of Community Engagement (OCE). CCI is an entry point for safe and ethical innovations that address suicidality, traumatic brain injury (TBI), posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and chronic pain. These new treatments or novel approaches to existing therapies must be appropriate for adoption within VHA. *Please note: CCI does not award contracts, provide research grants, or offer other forms of financial support for proposals.*

### Submission Guidelines:



Proposals are evaluated for safety and efficacy by VHA subject matter experts



The clinical benefits of the innovation relative to risk are assessed keeping in mind the key principle to "Do No Harm"



To share an innovative clinical treatment, submit a proposal: [vacommunity.secure.force.com/ccisubmissionportal/](https://vacommunity.secure.force.com/ccisubmissionportal/)

### CCI Clinical Demonstrations and Initiatives:

- » **Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB):** SGB involves the application of a local anesthetic to a nerve bundle in the neck to relieve symptoms of PTSD.
- » **Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT):** HBOT increases oxygen under raised atmospheric pressure and may be helpful for Veterans with symptoms of PTSD.
- » **Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Therapy:** Stimulating brain cells with LED headsets may reduce symptoms of TBI. A new application of the therapy allows Veterans to complete LED sessions at home.

CCI is an example of VHA's unique approach to health care and of its commitment to offering Veterans the cutting-edge and innovative care they expect and deserve. To learn more about CCI, visit [va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/CCIMission.asp](https://va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/CCIMission.asp).