

## **VA NEW YORK HARBOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM BROOKLYN CAMPUS**

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The VA New York Harbor Healthcare System (NYHHS) was formed in January 1999 with the integration of the Brooklyn VAMC and the New York VAMC. NYHHS is part of the twenty- two Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) that exist nationally and one of the 144 medical centers and health care systems in the nation. NYHHS belongs to VISN 3 which includes five medical centers and health care systems located in the southern New York and New Jersey area.

The Brooklyn Campus is located at the southern end of Brooklyn, facing the Narrows at the entrance to New York Harbor and in the shadow of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. The facility stands on property deeded to the VA from the Fort Hamilton Army Garrison in 1947. The medical center was dedicated on February 12, 1950 as a 1000-bed facility.

The Brooklyn Campus presently has a 150 bed in-patient service in acute medicine, surgery, psychiatry and residential substance abuse and sees over 300,000 outpatients each year. The medical center has 111 resident and fellow trainees in a broad spectrum of clinical program including internal medicine, general and vascular surgery, emergency medicine, cardiology, pulmonary and critical care, infectious diseases, nephrology, endocrinology, rheumatology, hematology/oncology, dermatology, pathology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, urology, otolaryngology, radiology, radiation oncology. Specialized clinical programs exist in comprehensive cancer care, non-special expertise in palliative care and radiation oncology. It has an active and productive basic research program.

### **FACILITIES**

#### **Cafeteria**

The cafeteria is located on the 1st floor and is open 5 days a week. Monday-Friday hours are 7:00am-3:30pm. Saturday, Sunday and holiday food is available from vending machines on the ground floor. Scrub suits are not allowed. Meal tickets are accepted. Meal tickets for medical house staff on call can be obtained on the day of call or the Friday before the on-call weekend at the Medical Service Office, 9th floor, Rm. 9-105, 8:00am-4:30pm. Meal tickets are not transferable.

#### **Medical Library**

The library is located on the 2nd floor and is open weekdays, 8:00am-4:30pm. The library can be used after hours and on weekends by signing out the key to the library with the telephone operator on the 1st floor. The resident must present his/her ID in order to obtain the key.

#### **Medical Media Production Service**

Medical Media Production Service provides professional, high-quality visual material in

support of teaching, research and publication projects at BVAMC. Services can be requested by submitting a Medical Media Production Service Request (SF 10-2723) signed by the service or section chief. Requests should be submitted well in advance of the date required.

#### OD (On-Duty) Rooms

A limited number of OD rooms are available for overnight use by on-call students and house staff. These rooms must be kept in neat order. Under no circumstances should patient records, laboratory specimens and the like be kept in these rooms. The Chief Medical Resident makes periodic inspections to ensure that the rooms are in proper order. There is a strict no smoking policy adhered to throughout the facility. This policy also applies to OD rooms.

#### Police and Security Service

VA police are responsible for providing a safe environment for patients and employees.

#### ID Cards

ID cards are issued Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 3:00pm. Exceptions will be made. Call ext. 1841 for further information.

#### Parking

Parking on the grounds is by permit only. Permits are issued only to personnel possessing a valid ID card and can be obtained at the Police and Security Service Office, 8:30am-4:00pm. Illegal parking carries a stiff monetary penalty.

*Please contact to your VA Service Office for additional information including hospital policies/procedures and information on clinical and ancillary services.*