CTVHCS is one of the largest integrated health care systems in the United States and provides a full range of services across central Texas. CTVHCS serves a Veteran population of more than 252,000, covers 35,243 square miles and 11 congressional districts in 39 counties. In addition, collaboration with Fort Hood, the largest military base in the world, to help Veterans transitioning care to the VA.

In fiscal year (FY) 2015, CTVHCS treated 98,932 Veteran unique patients with approximately 1.17 million annual outpatient visits, and almost 9,000 inpatients treated. Academic affiliations within Pharmacy Service include The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, Texas A&M Colleges of Pharmacy & Medicine, The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, and the University of the Incarnate Word College of Pharmacy.

The main campus is the Olin E. Teague hospital in Temple, Texas. A full-service teaching hospital which operates 189 medical/surgical beds and an 80-bed Community Living Center which includes a 20-bed hospice unit and an 8-bed Trauma Recovery Unit. Also on the grounds of the Teague Center is a 262-bed VA Domiciliary, a 160-bed State Veterans Home, and a $11.5 million dollar VA Research Institute. Also located in Temple is the off-site Temple Annex PACT Outpatient Clinic.

With one of the largest inpatient psychiatric facilities in the country located on the Waco campus, CTVHCS was officially named a Mental Health Center of Excellence in 2006. It is home to one of only 12 Blind Rehabilitation Centers in the country, as well as an intensive residential treatment program for combat-related PTSD.

The new Austin VA Outpatient Clinic, opened July 2013, is the largest free-standing VA outpatient clinic in the nation with 184,000 square feet to serve our rapidly growing Veteran population. Other Community Based Outpatient Clinics are located in Brownwood, Palestine, Bryan/College Station, and Cedar Park with an additional rural outreach clinic in La Grange.

AREA INFORMATION

Temple: www.ci.temple.tx.us
Waco: www.wacotexas.com
Austin: http://www.austintexas.org
CTVHCS offers a one year PGY2 residency in psychiatric pharmacy designed for pharmacists desiring a specialized practice focused on the care of patients with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders. The residency provides a broad array of clinical pharmacy practice areas. Core block and longitudinal experiences are inpatient psychiatry, outpatient mental health clinic, and research & project management. Elective experiences include Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH), Serious Mental Illness Life Empowerment (SMILE), geropsychiatry, Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM), PTSD, neurology, pain, and substance abuse. Teaching opportunities include lectures, case conferences, and pharmacy student supervision. A psychiatric research project is required. Additionally, an academic training program through University of Texas at Austin is available with a certificate awarded upon successful completion. Upon completion of the Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency, the resident will be well-equipped to establish and/or expand upon a successful psychiatric pharmacy practice.

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