

PAVE Program

The PAVE (Prevention of Amputation in Veterans Everywhere) program provides a model of care for those patients "at-risk"* for amputation and for those who have already suffered an amputation. Utilizing a team coordinator, it incorporates interdisciplinary management of care utilizing available resources in the following areas:

- Primary Care
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,
- Surgical (Including Orthopedic, Vascular and Podiatry)
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Mental Health
- Prosthetics and Sensory Aids.

The program tracks every patient with an amputation(s) or those at risk of limb loss from day of entry into the VA health care system through all appropriate care levels.

*Patients considered "at risk" are those with Diabetes, Peripheral Vascular Disease and End Stage Renal Disease who are considered highly susceptible to develop foot ulcers. "High Risk" patients are those who have an amputation for any reason and/or with a foot risk score of 2 or 3 as determined during evaluation.

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