

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

The Vision Center of Excellence will lead the nation in quality care, prevention, support services, advocacy, information management and research across the DoD and VA for military eye injuries.

Collaboration for blind rehabilitation care will take place between the VA and Walter Reed Army Medical Center while service members are still receiving care from the DoD.

This partnership will ensure the best care and treatment for vision rehabilitation.



Jointly committed to
improving the quality of
care for our wounded
warriors



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Vision Center of Excellence (VCE) Director Colonel Donald Gagliano, M.D. (pictured right) and Deputy Director Claude Cowan, Jr., M.D. (pictured left).

Administrative support for VCE will be provided by the DoD and VA. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the National Director, Ophthalmology, under the Office of Patient Care Services, will have organizational oversight of the VCE.

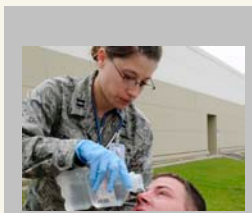
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VISION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



A partnership between the
U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)
and the U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs (VA) to aid in the
treatment and research of visual
injuries and disorders.



Organization and Divisions

- **Informatics and Information Management** – Utilize occurrence and outcome analysis tools to develop better strategies for preventing and treating ocular trauma and disease.
- **Clinical Care** – Improve processes for the coordination and provision of care, training, and education across the DoD and VA.
- **Research and Surveillance** – Lead the advanced research effort that defines future clinical practice guidelines, expands rehabilitative programs, and offers new modalities to treat and prevent ocular disease and trauma.
- **Rehabilitation and Restoration** – Ensure all members of the armed forces and veterans who suffer ocular trauma or disease receive the most comprehensive, coordinated, high quality eye care and vision rehabilitation; lead an effort to advance the science of vision restoration.
- **Global Outreach** – Develop communication programs for public and patient education on eye health and encourage greater utilization of humanitarian eye care missions to support global strategic goals.



Defense and Veterans Eye Injury Registry

The VCE is coordinating the implementation of the Defense and Veterans Eye Injury Registry (DVEIR), which will track the occurrence, treatment and outcomes of all eye injuries or visual dysfunction experienced by service members who have served on active duty since September 11, 2001. The DVEIR will be the first major registry linking the DoD's health information system, AHLTA, with the VA's health information system, VISTA, the Veterans Health Information System and Technology Architecture, in order to promote performance improvement through assessment of long-term outcomes. Data collected in the DVEIR will allow the VCE to develop initiatives to focus research more effectively, evaluate DoD/VA health care processes, and establish guidelines for care, among other improvements.

