

## Battlecreek VA Medical Center Urgent Care Survey

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**Purpose:** This proposal, to survey Battle Creek VA Medical Center (BCVAMC) Urgent Care Veterans on their concerns regarding their treatment experience, is designed to identify specific concerns and means to improve those concerns. The information that is gathered will be used to improve Veteran Urgent Care satisfaction. At this time the specific committee is to be determined.

**Scope:** In this report an examination of the problem, a description of how the BCVAMC Veteran information will be gathered, an empirical rating of the findings, and a conclusion.

**Problem:** Currently BCVAMC Veterans are voicing concerns to Urgent Care staff regarding their overall experience while in Urgent Care. Veterans have routinely stated the following:

- Introduced to staff and their role in Veteran treatment;
- Wait times exceeding 2 hours;
- Not being updated on delays or planned treatments;
- Left without feeling that their concerns were met;
- Poor privacy and confidentiality of conversations;
- Treated unprofessionally by staff.

This situation is detrimental to the BCVAMC as it is contrary to the "Battle Creek VA Health Care Delivery System Priorities. Currently there is no means to capture this information, in an empirical format, to facilitate evaluation of the Veteran's, our customer's concerns.

**Proposal:** The following steps will be used to gather BCVAMC Veteran's Urgent Care concerns:

- 1. The Union will be contacted to approve surveying Veterans in Urgent Care.
- 2. The supervising staff and frontline staff of Urgent Care, MAS and AOD will be educated about the Urgent Care Veteran's Satisfaction Project via email.
- 3. An anticipated Urgent Care Veteran's Satisfaction Project start date will be 6/16/2014.
- 4. Contact will be made with Planetree staff and Medical Media to determine where to obtain a locked drop box to place at the Urgent Care exit counter for the completed Urgent Care Veterans Survey Cards.
- 5. The "Urgent Care Veterans Survey Card" (Addendum A) will be double sided printed on bright card stock paper.
- 6. The MAS and AOD will distribute the Urgent Care Veterans Survey Card to all Veterans that present thru Urgent Care when they register for treatment or are brought in by an ambulance service.
- 7. Completed Urgent Care Veterans Survey Cards will be placed in the drop box located on the counter by the Urgent Care exit.
- 8. Urgent Care Veterans Survey Cards will be gathered from the locked drop box one per week.

- 9. The information on the Urgent Care Veterans Survey Cards will be accumulated in an Access document for processing.
- 10. A preliminary report of the findings will be compiled September 2014.

**Consequences:** By surveying the BCVAMC Veterans who present to Urgent Care, we will be able to gather information directly from the targeted population. This in turn will allow specific changes to be implemented to improve Veteran satisfaction in Urgent Care. A proposed Urgent Care Veteran's Satisfaction Project Timeline is attached as Addendum B.

## Addendum A

"Urgent Care Veterar	Survey Card" -	to be printed	on bright card	stock double sided
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Date: Time registered at Urgent Ca	re fro	nt Des	k:	am/pm			
How long were you at Urgent Care (circle): 0-1 hrs	1-2 h	rs 2-	3 hrs	3-4 hrs	4+ hrs		
Please take a moment to let us know how we	are d	oing by	y givir	ng us fe	edback: Very		
How well did we do:	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Good		
Staff greeted you and introduced themselves?	0	0	0	0	0		
Explained the VA process and anticipated wait time?	0	0	0	0	0		
Kept you informed and regularly updated?	0	0	0	0	0		
Provided you with a clean, appropriate area to wait?	0	0	0	0	0		
Treated you professionally so that you felt comfortable and sa	fe? O	0	0	0	0		
Gave you follow up instructions that you understood?	0	0	0	0	0		
Thanked you and asked if you had any additional questions?	0	0	0	0	0		
In your opinion, overall:							
How well did we address your concerns:	0	0	0	0	О		
My experience at Battle Creek Urgent Care wa	as:o	0	0	0	О		
We welcome your comments:							

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## <u>Addendum B</u> – Urgent Care Veteran's Satisfaction Project Timeline

Task	5/9/2014	5/16/2014	5/23/2014	5/30/2014	6/6/2014	6/13/2014	6/20/2014	6/27/2014	7/4/2014	7/11/2014	7/18/2014	7/25/2014	8/1/2014	8/8/2014	8/15/2014	8/22/2014	8/29/2014	9/5/2014	9/12/2014
Complete project proposal	Х																		
Contact Union for Vet Survey approval							Х	Х	Х										
Talk to Mike Mann and Gayle Odwyer									Х										
Educate various UC supervisors and staff								Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				
Locate a locked drop box										Х									
Print Survey Cards									Х										
Survey starts										Х									
Rumor that Cards are banned by Privacy Off															Х				
Talk to Privacy Officer for clarification															Х				
Reprint Survey Cards request																Х			
Change out Survey Cards																			
Gather Survey Cards										Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Data entry of Survey Cards																			
Preliminary Report																			
Karla on Vacation (5/17/2014-5/26/2014)		Х	Х	Х															
X-Completed																			