PADRECC stands for Parkinson’s Disease Research Education & Clinical Center

PADRECC is a VA Health System Center of Excellence for Veterans with Movement Disorders

PADRECC treats all kinds of Movement Disorders including: Parkinson’s disease (PD), Essential Tremor (ET), dystonia, and atypical parkinsonian disorders such as Lewy Body Disease, PSP, MSA, or CBD.

Clinic Services
• New, follow up, & clinical video telehealth (CVT) consult visits
• Medications, medical management, nursing care, evaluation for surgery
• Multidisciplinary Approach
• Neuropsychological assessment of cognitive & emotional status
• Rehabilitation evaluation/referrals to PT, OT, Speech, & Social Work
• Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery & programming
• Educational materials/events, caregiver resources, support group, exercise group
• Clinical trials/research studies
• Palliative care & hospice referrals

How do I get an appointment at PADRECC Clinic?PADRECC is a specialty clinic in the Neurology Dept.
• First, you must be a Veteran who is enrolled in the VA Health Care System. Ask your primary care doctor to write a referral for you to be evaluated in the PADRECC Clinic.
• If you are not enrolled in VA Health Care, you will need to determine if you are eligible for health benefits, and then apply for VA health care. You will be assigned a priority group. Note: if you are assigned priority group 8 and have severely disabling disease, please request a “Catastrophic Disability Evaluation”
  1. Call Veterans Health Benefits Service Center 1-877-222-VETS (8387), or
  2. Go to www.va.gov. Look up Health Benefits and how to apply for VA Health Benefits, or
  3. Call (804) 675-5611 - Eligibility/Health Benefits Enrollment Office at McGuire VAMC.

Research Opportunities: Some PADRECC research and clinical trials recruit non-veterans or non-enrolled Veterans, as well as those Veterans enrolled in VA Health Care. Contact George Gitchel, MS, Research Health Science Specialist at (804) 675-6300 to learn about current research you may be eligible for including:
• Eye Movement Research - a large study measuring specific eye movements of patients with various movement disorders, with the goal of offering rapid, accurate differential diagnoses of most movement disorders, and potentially detecting preclinical stages of other disorders.

Education & Support Group: The PADRECC group meets the 4th Thursday of the month at McGuire VAMC in Richmond. This meeting is open to the public. Veterans can also attend at remote sites using tele-health technology in Charlottesville, Fredericksburg and Emporia at the VA CBOCs (Community Based Outpatient Clinics). Contact: Lynn Klanchar at (804) 675-6952 for more information.