

Want More Information??

SCI Center, VAMC

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A Lifetime of Expectation

The Spinal Cord Injury Center at the Charlie Norwood VAMC offers comprehensive services to veterans from their initial injury throughout their lives.

What To Expect

- A complete annual evaluation with a neurologic exam
- Equipment repair and upgrades as needed
- Inpatient treatment and medical cares as needed
- Annual evaluations from physical and occupational therapist
- Psychology and Social Work assistance for adjustment issues and community concerns.

Department of Veterans Affairs

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Charlie Norwood VAMC
Spinal Cord Injury Center
**Acute Rehabilitation
Program Outcomes**

INPATIENT REHABILITATION OUTCOMES

Number of Patients Discharged From Rehab: 62

Average Age: 60 Age Range: 26-84

Males: 55 Females: 7

Average Rehab Length of Stay (ARLOS): 69 days

Average Total Length of Stay (ATLOS) : 90 days

About Us

86 veterans were served by rehab team in FY19.

1986 veterans receive their care through the Augusta VAMC SCI Center or Spoke Sites

The Augusta VAMC SCI Center serves veterans in all of Georgia and South Carolina, Western North Carolina, Eastern Alabama, and Eastern Tennessee.

There are SCI Clinics in all VAMC's within our primary service area to help coordinate care through a Hub and Spokes Model of Care.

The Augusta VAMC SCI Center also provides rehabilitation services for patients with Multiple Sclerosis and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

The Augusta VAMC is Accredited by the Joint Commission and has been an accredited CARF facility since 2000.

Length of Stay Outcomes

Injury Category	Average Rehab Stay	Average Hospital Stay
ASIA D	52 days	60 days
Hi Tetraplegia(C1-C4)	87 days	124 days
Lo Tetraplegia(C4-C8)	82 days	107 days
Paraplegia(T1-S3)	64 days	86 days
Unknown	77 days	83 days
Grand Total	69 days	90 days

Program Effectiveness

	Average FIM Points
Admission	58.3
Discharge	78.5
Gains	20

Activity Goal	% of Veterans Met Goal
Met 100% of FIM Goal	44%
Met 90% of FIM Goal	73%
Met 80% of FIM Goal	90%

Unplanned Transfers To ICU

Reason	Count	Number of days
CHF	1	1
Sepsis	1	4
Tachycardia	1	3
Total	3	8 days

Augusta VAMC SCI Center History

Augusta VAMC SCI Center opened in January 1981 and has continually provided care for veterans with Spinal Cord Injuries since that time. We are a 71-bed comprehensive rehabilitation facility, providing both acute medical treatment for persons with Spinal Cord Injury/Diseases as well as ongoing medical care and Rehabilitation Services.

We provide a full Continuum of care, including inpatient, outpatient, and Home Care services for persons with Spinal Cord Injuries. Our physicians provide primary care services for our patients throughout the continuum of care. Two of our physicians are board certified in SCI Medicine.

Discharge Outcomes

Despite the increasing age of our rehab population, we boast in our achievement of discharging almost 90% of our veterans back to the community.

