

Setting the Course for Cancer Care

What are Oncology Clinical Pathways?

Clinical Pathways (CPs) act as clinical decision support tools for cancer treatment. CPs use current evidence to map out treatment processes, ensure standardized, high-quality care for Veterans across the nation, and recommend the most effective, least possible side effects, and cost-efficient treatments based on national guidelines and expertise.



25% of diagnosed cancers at VA being rare, Oncology Clinical Pathways support subspecialized care for Veterans.



If a Veteran is diagnosed with a rare cancer or a common cancer with an unusual or unique presentation, VA can support them by using Clinical Pathways,

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How are Clinical Pathways Developed?

VA's National Oncology Program (NOP) develops Clinical Pathways guided by its national network of subject matter experts (SMEs) from various specialties, including Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, Pharmacy and more, **giving Veterans access to the highest quality of care, no matter where they live.**



VA supports more than **20** cancer types through Clinical Pathways

How Do Clinical Pathways Benefit Veterans?

- Veterans will always have access to the highest quality of care, no matter where they live.
- Veterans are provided the most effective and least harmful treatment options.
- Veterans still have treatment options as VA providers always consider the use of clinical trials and may choose not to follow a CP when clinically appropriate.

Resources For Veterans



For more information about Clinical Pathways, contact VHAOncologyPathways@va.gov.

