

**W**ant to learn more or are interested in participating? Please contact the study team at **(401) 273-7100 x14449**

## STUDY OVERVIEW

### What is it?

A study examining brain activity and thinking in Veterans with all levels of risk for suicide.

### Who can participate?

Veterans aged 18-70 without current severe substance abuse disorder. We are looking for two groups of Veterans:

- ◆ Veterans experiencing suicidal thoughts or behaviors
- ◆ Veterans without current suicidal thoughts or behaviors

### What is the time commitment?

Up to 5 total visits over 2 years: 4 research visits and 1 brain scan visit. Research visits last 1.5-3 hours. The MRI visit lasts 2 hours, but only about 1 hour is in the MRI.

### Will I be reimbursed?

You may receive up to \$300 for the amount of the study you are able to complete.

**Veterans  
Crisis Line**



**1-800-273-8255  
PRESS 1**



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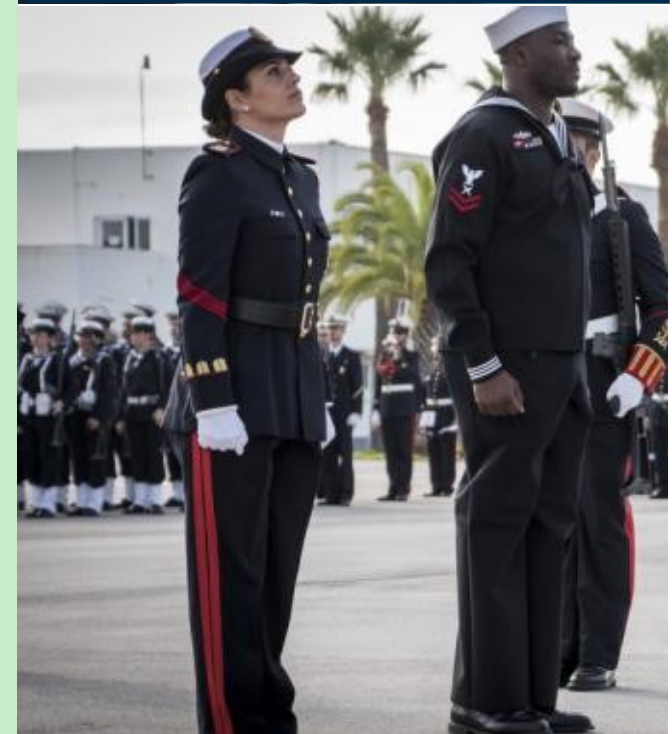


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## NEUROIMAGING RESEARCH STUDY



**Take part  
in research  
on Veteran  
suicide**



## ABOUT THE STUDY

Researchers at the Providence VA Medical Center want to better understand how patterns of brain activity and thinking may place some Veterans at greater risk for suicide.

We are looking for Veterans both with, and without, current thoughts of suicide to participate in this study -- even Veterans who have never thought about suicide may be eligible.

We aim to identify brain patterns that differ between Veterans at low and high risk for suicide so we can develop better treatments for suicide.



## WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE STUDY?

- ◆ An initial assessment with the investigator and research team to determine eligibility (*1.5-3 hours*).
- ◆ MRI brain imaging at PVAMC within 10 days of initial visit (*1.5 hours*).
- ◆ Follow-up research visits 6-month, 12- months and 24-months following the MRI (*1.5-2 hours*).
- ◆ Visit activities include interviews, questionnaires, and computer games.

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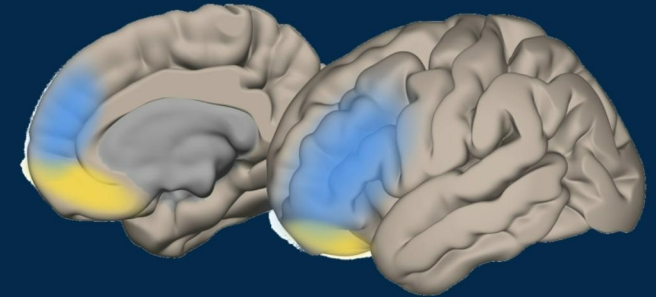
**5 VISITS**



**PVAMC in Building 32**

## WHAT IS AN MRI?

MRI is used to take pictures of your brain. The MRI is a large tube with a table in the center. You will be asked to lay still while we take pictures of your brain while you are either resting or playing computer games.



*All information is kept strictly confidential.*