

Remember...

Whether you decide to participate or not, you will keep seeing your regular doctor.

Your participation will not affect the medical care you receive. Taking part in this study is totally up to you.

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For general information about participant rights, contact 1-866-680-2906.



If you would like to learn more about this study, please talk to your doctor.

The study is named: SCI-VIP: Predictive Model over Time for Employment (PrOMOTE)



This study sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development No. 07814R.

You can help us find better ways to help Veterans with spinal cord injury/dysfunction (SCI) get back to work and stay employed



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Did you know?

- The rate of any employment after SCI is about 35%.
- This rate is much lower than the 79% in people without disabilities.
- People with SCI who are employed have better quality of life and life satisfaction, among other benefits.
- Our previous study showed that people in the study may be 4 times more successful in returning to work within 12 months.

The goal of this study is to examine the effects of vocational rehabilitation and job search assistance/support for up to 5 years.

How can you help?

We need your help to learn more about how to support Veterans with SCI and keep competitive employment.

If you are a Veteran and:

- Are between the ages of 18 and 65
- Have spinal cord injury/dysfunction (SCI)
- Live within 100 miles of the Palo Alto VA
- Receive medical care at the Palo Alto VA
- Currently don't work but want to work

... and you would like to take part in this research, please tell your SCI clinical that you would like to find out more about this study.

What will I have to do?

You will complete a set of questionnaires at a time that works for you.

If you meet the study criteria and want to continue in the study, you will be offered up to 5 years of assistance in obtaining and keeping a job.

And you will be asked periodically to provide feedback on your experience as a person who works.

You will be compensated for the time you spend on this research.

Session 1: You will complete several questionnaires that focus on your background, and on barriers, needs and desires for work. This will take about 3 hours.

If you continue in the study, the following things will happen:

- The study staff will meet with you to determine your work goals and then go out in the community and help ensure that employers know of your skills and interests.
- Once hired, a study member will continue to meet with you to help overcome barriers to your continued success.

