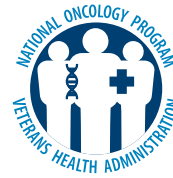


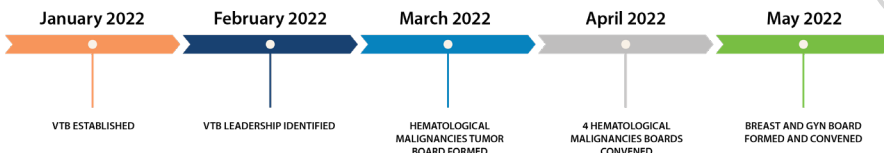
VA'S NATIONAL VIRTUAL TUMOR BOARD



SHOULDER to SHOULDER
Every Step of the Way

Early in 2022, VA established a National Virtual Tumor Board. Nationwide disease-specific experts with VA's system will lend their support virtually – meaning a Veteran's care won't be limited by the resources within their VA medical center or the resources of their immediate community.

More recently, the Virtual Tumor Board leadership identified the necessary providers to support breast and gynecologic cancers.



Next, the Virtual Tumor Board will identify experts in thoracic cancer and rare cancers.

Unique Needs and the Veteran Community

The National Virtual Tumor Board is one way VA is addressing the need for subspecialty oncology care for Veterans.

As a population, Veterans have unique cancer risks due to military service-related exposures like Agent Orange, and often are managing a chronic health condition like hypertension or diabetes alongside a cancer diagnosis.

Personalized Support

The National Virtual Tumor Board will assess and support the care of complex presentations of more common cancers like prostate and lung, as well as rare cancers from VA medical centers across the nation.

Complex and rare cancer diagnoses can represent additional challenges for Veterans, like needing access to subspecialty oncologists or care coordination to help with medication management.

A Virtual Tumor Board has nationwide access to scans, notes, pathology/cytology from biopsies and surgeries, and treatment plans through the referring physician. This lowers the logistical burden on Veterans who otherwise may have to coordinate care through multiple treatment centers in the community.



Rare cancer diagnoses make up approximately **16% of the cancer diagnoses made in VA.**