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Million Veteran Program:
A Partnership with Veterans

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The Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Research and Development is launching the **Million Veteran Program** (MVP), an important partnership between VA and Veterans to better understand how genes affect health and illness. The ultimate goal of this research program is improving health care for Veterans. Participation is entirely voluntary and will not in any way affect Veterans' access to health care or benefits.

- Participation involves filling out health surveys, providing a blood sample for genetic analysis, permitting authorized MVP study personnel to access information in the medical record on an ongoing basis and allowing future contact.
- MVP has extensive safeguards in place to ensure that information security and patient confidentiality are top priorities.
- MVP will be open to participation for all Veterans receiving care in the VA health care system and will roll out in phases nationally.

For more information about MVP, visit **www.research.va.gov/mvp** or call toll free **866-441-6075.**