



VA
*Assistive
Technology
Center*



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What is Assistive Technology?

- ... a specialized communication device that allows a person with progressive neurological disease to communicate with friends and family
 - ... a system that controls light switches, TVs, DVD players and opens doors for someone with limited mobility
 - ... specialized computer equipment, such as adaptive keyboards, monitors, and software for reading and voice recognition
 - ... specialized devices for mobility, seating and positioning
 - ... adaptive devices for reading, writing, or other work/school needs
 - ... an adaptive hand cycle to help a disabled veteran lead a more active lifestyle
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Assistive technology (AT) means using a device or product system that will increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities. The Assistive Technology Center in Palo Alto was established in 2010, and is one of 4 such centers throughout the VA system, and the only one on the West Coast.

Palo Alto VA Assistive Technology Center

The AT Center is supported by the University of Pittsburgh/UPMC Center for Assistive Technology, a national leader in assistive technology.

Following referral from a primary medical doctor or specialty clinic, our multi-disciplinary team will schedule and perform a comprehensive assessment. This includes working closely with you and your family/caregivers to select an assistive device or system

that best meets your needs. The AT center will also provide training and follow-up to adapt the device if your needs change over time.

The team, listed below, provides services for augmentative and alternative communication, electronic cognitive devices, alternative computer access, seating and mobility, reading/writing aids, environmental controls and adaptive sporting equipment.

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Communication Devices



Adaptive Computer Access



Cognitive Aids



Environmental Control



Wheeled mobility



Adaptive Sporting Equipment



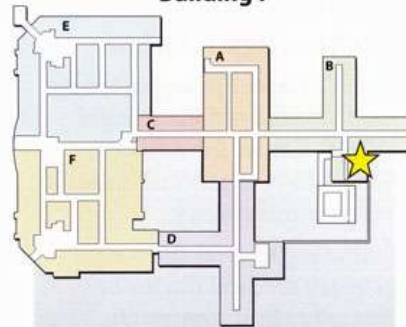
Sensory Aids



We are located in Building 7,
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