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Invitation to Cover: Penn Medicine Partners with Cohen Veterans Network to Open Cost-free Mental Health Clinic for Veterans and Military Families

The First Clinic of its Kind in Philadelphia is Part of a \$275 Million Commitment from Stephen A. Cohen to Offer Free Mental Health Services to Veterans and their Families

PHILADELPHIA – The [Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania](#), in partnership with [The Cohen Veterans Network](#), is proud to announce the grand opening of the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Penn Medicine. The clinic, part of a \$275 million commitment from Steven A. Cohen, will provide cost-free, high-quality, accessible, and comprehensive mental health care to U.S. Military veterans and their families living in the Philadelphia region.

“We are honored to open the Cohen Military Family clinic here at Penn,” said Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania. “Penn has a long history of supporting veterans through education and community initiatives. This new clinic will continue that tradition while also supporting efforts in the Philadelphia region to provide the men, women, and their families who have bravely served our country with essential mental health services.”

The Penn Medicine clinic is part of the Cohen Veterans Network’s national efforts to provide access to evidence-based, customized outpatient care to veterans and their families in order to treat a variety of mental health issues including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, adjustment issue, anger, grief and loss, family issues, and children’s behavioral problems. In addition to mental health services, the clinic will also offer support related to unemployment, housing, finance and education and will provide resources such as transportation assistance, and child care to its patients.

“Since 2002 almost 2 million U.S. Military personnel have become veterans with approximately 58 percent experiencing mental health issues,” said David W. Oslin, MD, executive director of the Military Family Clinic at Penn Medicine. “This clinic will help break down barriers, such as stigma and accessibility that prevent many veterans and their families from seeking the mental health care they need to lead healthy and productive lives once they have left active duty.”

WHAT: Grand Opening of the Steven. A Cohen Military Family Clinic at Penn Medicine

WHERE: 3535 Market Street
Conference Room B (16th Floor)
Philadelphia, PA 19104

WHEN: Oct. 14, 2016
10 a.m. Registration and breakfast
10:20 a.m. Remarks and Panel Discussion

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WHO:

- **J. Larry Jameson, MD, PhD**, executive vice president, University of Pennsylvania Health System, and dean of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
- **Ralph Muller**, CEO, University of Pennsylvania Health System
- **David W. Oslin, MD**, executive director of the Military Family Clinic at Penn Medicine and chief of Behavioral Health at The Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center
- **Leah Blain, PhD**, clinic director of the Military Family Clinic at Penn Medicine
- **Anthony Hassan, EdD, LCSW**, president and CEO of the Cohen Veterans Network
- **Kyle White, U.S. Medal of Honor recipient** and Cohen Veterans Network spokesperson
- **Ryan Pitts, Medal of Honor recipient** and Cohen Veterans Network spokesperson

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The Perelman School of Medicine has been ranked among the top five medical schools in the United States for the past 18 years, according to U.S. News & World Report's survey of research-oriented medical schools. The School is consistently among the nation's top recipients of funding from the National Institutes of Health, with \$373 million awarded in the 2015 fiscal year.

The University of Pennsylvania Health System's patient care facilities include: The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center -- which are recognized as one of the nation's top "Honor Roll" hospitals by U.S. News & World Report -- Chester County Hospital; Lancaster General Health; Penn Wissahickon Hospice; and Pennsylvania Hospital -- the nation's first hospital, founded in 1751. Additional affiliated inpatient care facilities and services throughout the Philadelphia region include Chestnut Hill Hospital and Good Shepherd Penn Partners, a partnership between Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network and Penn Medicine.

Penn Medicine is committed to improving lives and health through a variety of community-based programs and activities. In fiscal year 2015, Penn Medicine provided \$253.3 million to benefit our community.

