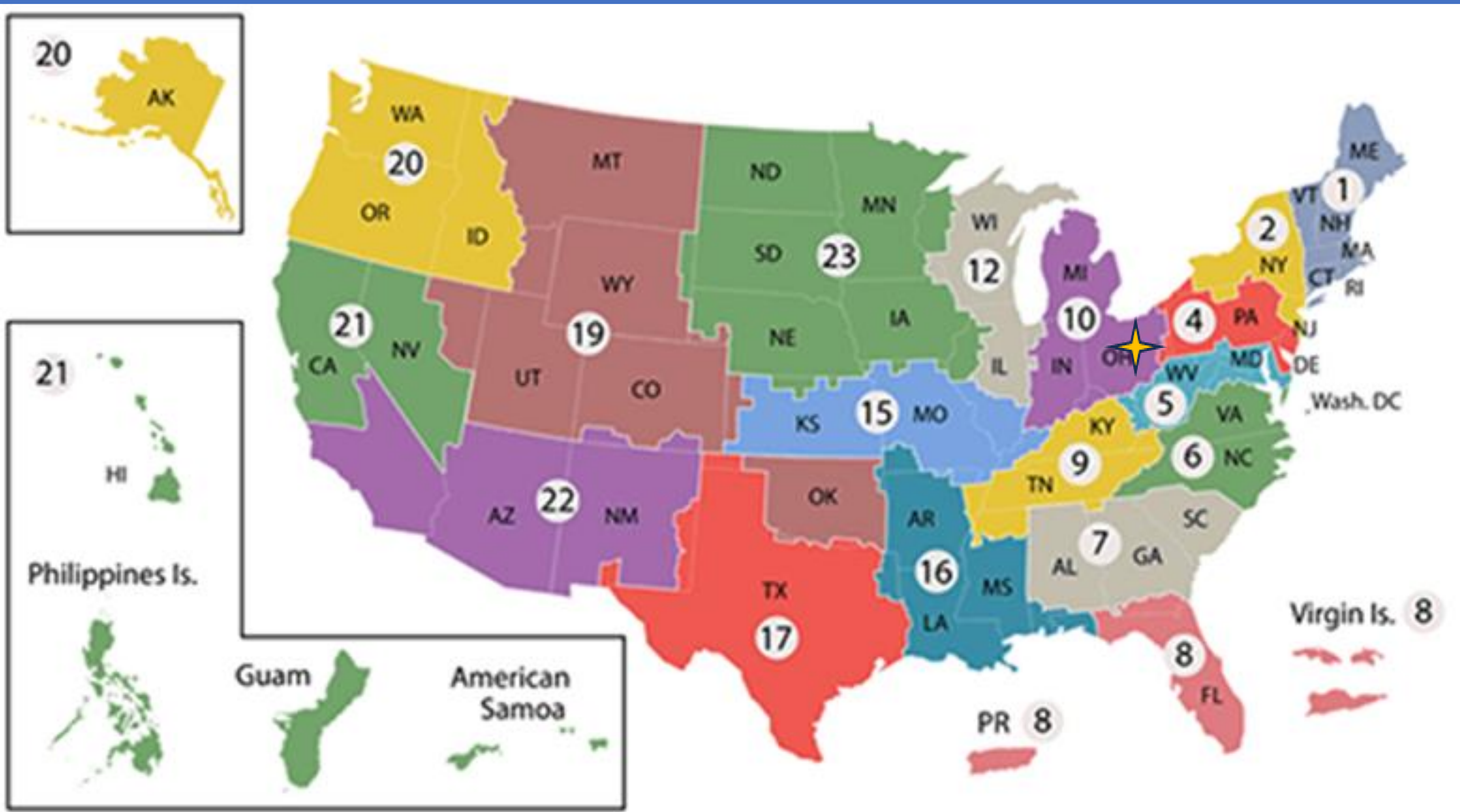


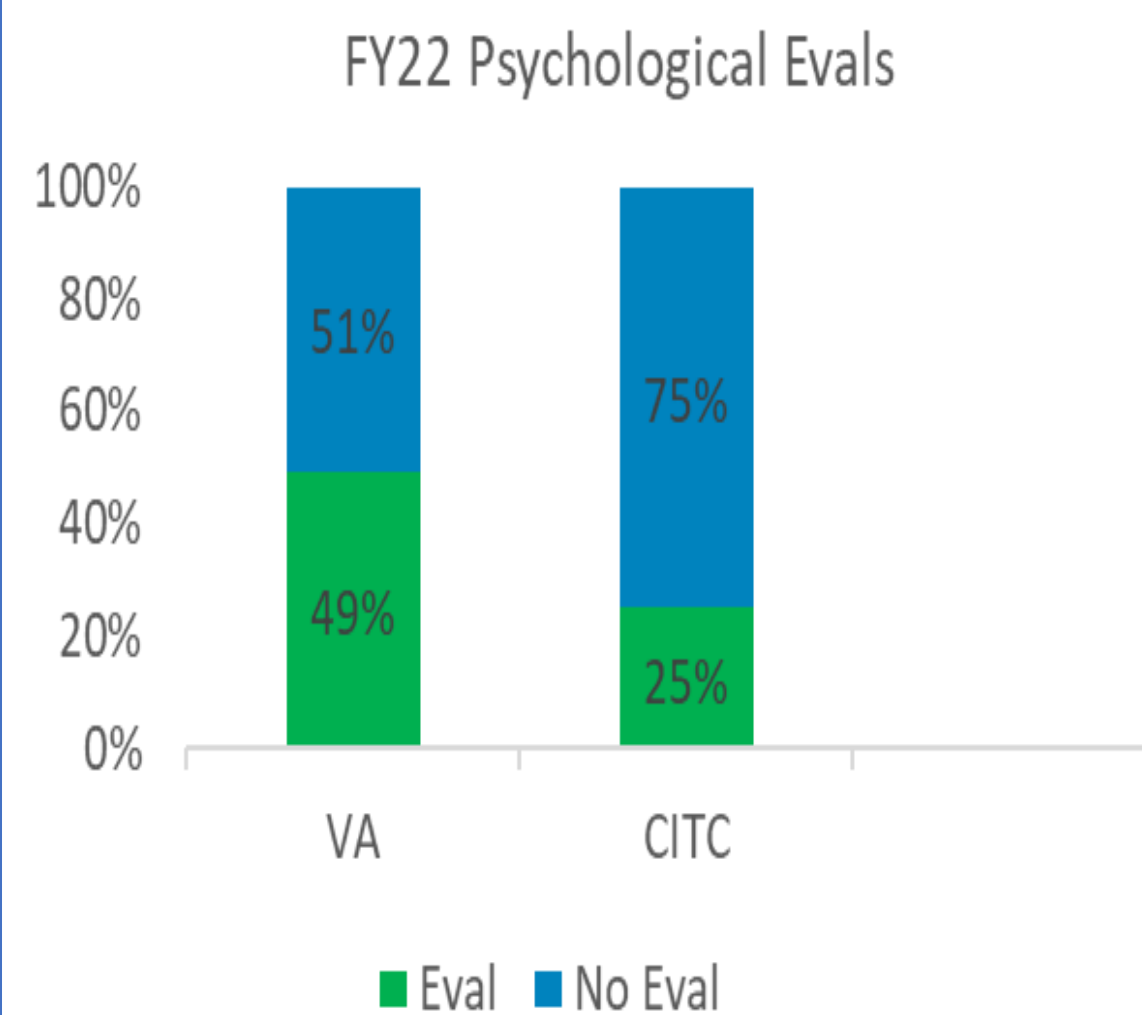
BLUF – This TelePain Hub provides VA-wide national access to standardized, high quality, comprehensive **medical and psychological assessment** for neuromodulation.

- An estimated 31.5% of Veterans experienced chronic pain in the past three months and 9.1% of these Veterans report severe chronic pain.
- Neuromodulation may offer pain relief to a portion of these patients. While treatment is available, expertise in assessment is limited.
- Studies estimate that within 1-5 years of SCS implant ~ 30% of patients have diminished pain relief and ~ 10% have explant.
- Patient selection is a key factor for achieving the best outcome.**

VA TelePain Hub for Neuromodulation Assessment

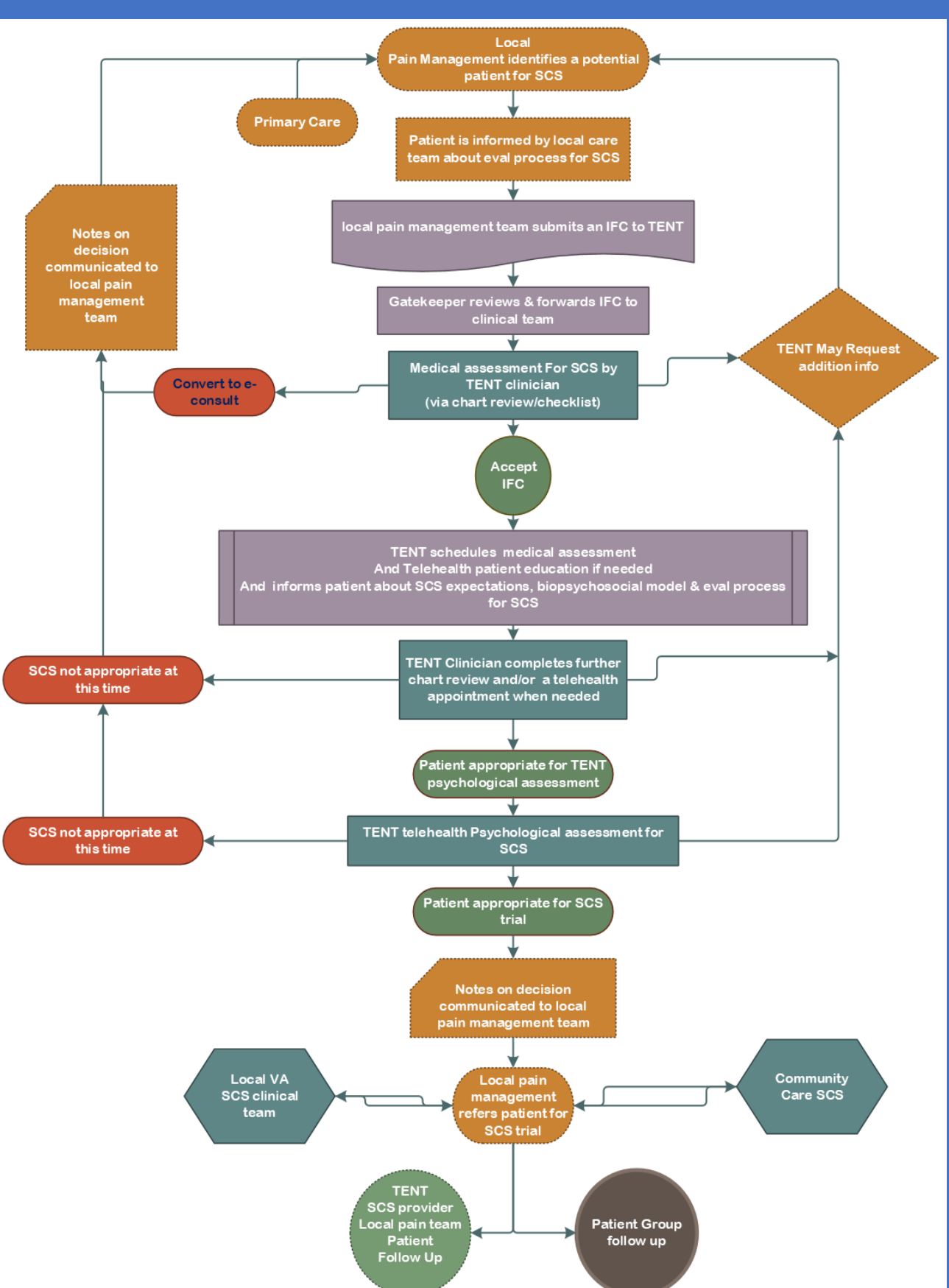


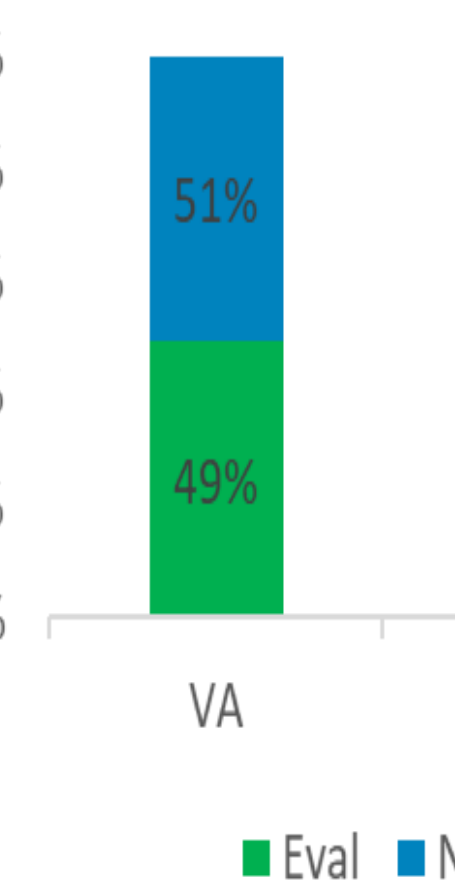
Program Scope - VA wide from Cleveland VAMC Hub



- Provide Equitable Access to Standardized Neuromodulation Assessment Expertise
- Improve Patient Selection and Education
- Support Improved Outcomes
- Determine Better Predictive Models

Clinical Process



- **Problem** - FY22 CPT code data shows **51%** of patients **did not** receive psych eval prior to SCS trial. Paid claims data estimates that **only 25%** of Veteran Community Care patients had psych eval.
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- | Group | Eval (%) | No Eval (%) |
|-------|----------|-------------|
| VA | 49% | 51% |
| CITC | 25% | 75% |
- **Solution** - TelePain Hub at Cleveland VAMC Pain Service provides virtual **Medical and Psychological Assessment** for neuromodulation with **Patient Education** to support **realistic expectations** and guide decision whether to proceed to trial for **both** VA and Veteran Community Care.

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