

Parking at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System

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- Parking for residents and fellows will be available on site only for those who are on an inpatient rotation that does not allow them to reliably fetch their car within the shuttle hours of operation. These residents and fellows will need to obtain a parking placard from their VA service line in order to park in Lot E (updated 6/2/15).
- Housestaff called in for an emergency/urgent consult who cannot find a spot despite making a good faith effort may use valet parking but may need to contact the Police Chief or shift supervisor (206-764-2899) if trying to do this during the peak a.m. parking time. (updated 6/2/2105)
- Please do not argue with VA Police Officers. They have been informed that patient care situations may occasionally necessitate housestaff parking on site. Ultimately, if there are issues with parking that housestaff don't agree with, please back out of the parking spot and call 206-764-2899 to speak to the shift supervisor or Captain to explain the situation and achieve peaceful resolution (updated 6/2/15).
- VA Staff other than physicians and carpool are not allowed to park on site.

Transportation/Parking Options:

- Off-site parking will be available at 4735 E. Marginal Way in Seattle, across the street from the Federal Center South building. (See attached map.)
 - A shuttle service will be available from Fed Center South to VA Puget Sound from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - From 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and from 3:30-5:30pm, the shuttle will run every 10 minutes. The shuttle will run every half hour from 8:00AM-3:30PM, and from 5:30-9:00PM.
- The VA-UW Shuttle will continue to offer service between VA (outside building 1) and UW (at UW/D-Wing Shuttle stops on Columbia Road at the UW Health Sciences Ctr). (See schedule below.)
- Public Transportation
 - Buses 50 and 60 stop outside the VA. Details regarding these routes can be found at <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/schedules/>
- Spaces along the golf course on Beacon Hill belong to the city, allow only 6 hours parking (strictly enforced with hefty fines) and are not patrolled by VA police.
 - We anticipate there may be heavy demand placed on these spots during construction.
- Lot E (enclosed in the blue oval in the map) will:
 - Be available for housestaff on inpatient services who have official parking placard from their VA service line prominently displayed on their dashboard.
 - Have slots dedicated for registered van/carpools. (Need to register with VA Police to park here.)

Recommendations:

- Housestaff are advised to utilize public transportation when possible.

- Housestaff on an inpatient rotation that does not allow them to reliably fetch their car within the shuttle hours of operation will be allowed to park in lot E provided they have a parking placard from their VA service line prominently displayed on their dashboard
- Housestaff arriving after 3:30pm for a late shift will be allowed to use Lot E.
- Other housestaff trainees should plan to park at Fed Center South off-site parking and use the shuttle service to VAPS or use public transportation.
- Housestaff called in for an emergency who cannot find a spot despite making a good faith effort may use valet parking but may need to contact the Police Chief if trying to do this during the peak a.m. parking time.
- Please ultimately comply with VA Police instructions and seek a peaceful resolution to any parking disputes.

More information about parking may be found on the VA intranet website: <http://center.puget-sound.med.va.gov/sites/seo/Analytics/PM/SitePages/Home.aspx>. Construction on the patient parking garage is slated to be completed January 2016, and parking will hopefully be more plentiful at that time.