



Whistleblower Sheds Light on VA Neglect

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Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki is facing Congress over allegations of favoritism and excessive delays in treating veterans at VA medical facilities, including a VA hospital in Phoenix where [40 veterans reportedly died](#) awaiting treatment.

Shinseki has refused to resign, even though the American Legion and some in Congress have called for his and other managers' heads to roll in this scandal. Shinseki [said](#) he is "mad as hell," determined to get to the bottom of the allegations, and that he plans to hold people responsible. But it may be too late. Is this a pattern of neglect and lack of accountability?

Aaron Glantz, staff reporter at the Center for Investigative Reporting, believes it is. The Takeaway has spoken to him [a number of times](#) about questionable treatment approaches and the quality of service at the VA. Today he brings us [new allegations](#) of service delays for patients at risk of committing suicide at a VA facility in St Louis.

What's more, the doctor who came forward to try and correct the problems in St. Louis was sanctioned by his employer, demoted, investigated, and told he was creating a hostile work environment. The doctor is **Jose Mathews**, a psychiatrist at the VA Medical Center in St. Louis.

Today Glantz and Mathews weigh in on these new allegations.

Listen to the full discussion [here](#).