

## Veterans Health Care Tomorrow

### HealtheVet

HealtheVet is VA's next generation of VistA. It will provide enhanced capabilities with flexibility to adapt to health care and technology innovations. Most importantly - it will improve health care for the nation's veterans.

#### Veteran Benefits:

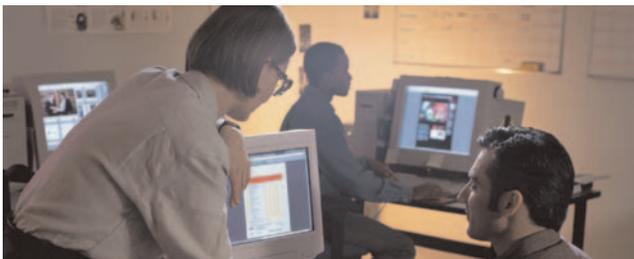
- Greater continuity of care - computable data - at All Sites - at All Times
- Smooth and secure record sharing between VA and DoD
- Comprehensive and system-wide tracking of tests, treatment, medications, etc.
- Improved patient monitoring and analysis via advanced clinical decision support tools

#### Provider Benefits:

- Robust health data exchange across VA and non-VA health organizations
- Access to longitudinal data for early detection and research
- Supports comprehensive medical facility staff needs

#### System-wide Benefits:

- Improved security and data quality
- Modern programming technology
- Seamless data sharing among providers within and outside VA systems
- Incorporates nationally-adopted health information standards



## Veterans Personal Health Records

### My HealtheVet

My HealtheVet provides veterans with a secure internet portal to create a private personal health record. In this way veterans become more active participants in their own health care.

#### Today My HealtheVet provides:

- Ability to track blood pressure, weight, exercise, and other health measurements and activities
- Refilling VA prescriptions
- Tracking illnesses, accidents, or other events
- Recording medications, allergies, immunizations, tests, and more
- Validated sources to learn more about health conditions and advice on staying healthy
- Storing family and military medical histories

#### Soon My HealtheVet will provide:

- Ability to view appointments
- Ability to view selected information from their VA medical record
- Ability for the veterans to allow family members or non-VA healthcare providers to see all or part of their information

<http://www.myhealth.va.gov>



Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Taking Care of Our Veterans'  
Healthcare Needs





## Veterans Health Care Today

### VistA

VistA is VA's award winning Health IT system that provides an integrated inpatient and outpatient electronic health record. It also provides the administrative tools to deliver veterans the best quality medical care.

### Components of VistA include:

#### Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS)

A single life-long health record that follows the veteran through outpatient, inpatient and long term care, and from facility to facility. CPRS includes a Real-Time Order Checking System, a Notification System to alert clinicians to medically significant events, and a Clinical Reminder System to promote preventive care.

#### VistA Imaging

Places medical images such as x-rays, pathology slides, scanned documents, cardiology exam results, wound photos, endoscopies, etc., directly and immediately into the patient record.

#### Bar Code Medication Administration (BCMA)

Uses bar codes on patients' wrist bands and medications to ensure that the right patient gets the right drug, in the right dose, at the right time.



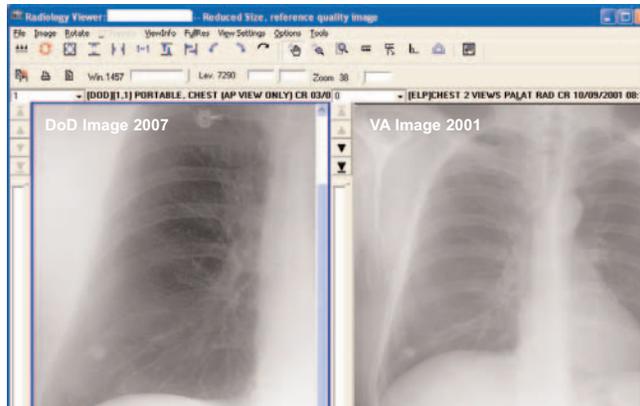
## VA / DoD Interoperability

VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) are committed to providing the best health care for both active duty forces and veterans who so ably served our country. To meet this commitment, VA and DoD are working together to achieve interoperability of all electronic health data.

VA and DoD have made significant progress in the ability to share outpatient records. Together we have completed work for the bidirectional sharing of electronic health data where patients receive care from both systems. We are also pursuing the development of a joint inpatient record system.

Currently VA and DoD are installing an interface, known as CHDR, that allows the exchange of computable, standards-based data between their respective data systems. This allows for automatic drug-drug and drug-allergy order checks. The Departments are working towards the ability to share standardized and computable laboratory data through the CHDR interface.

Progress is being made, but more needs to be done. Neither VA nor DoD will rest until this goal is achieved.



“VA hospitals and clinics have been ranked best-in-class by a number of independent groups on a broad range of measures....VistA has also turned out to be a powerful force for quality control.”

*Business Week, July 2006*

“Most private hospitals can only dream of the futuristic medicine Dr. Divya Shroff (of the Washington VA Medical Center) practices today.”

*Time, September 2006*

“In studies, including one by Harvard, and in six straight years of patient satisfaction surveys, VA earned the highest health care quality rating in the country. It's also the least expensive.... Today's VA looks like the future.

*CBS Evening News, December 2006*

“The Transformation of America's VA hospitals has been so dramatic that now the question is why can't all hospitals be this good.”

*NBC Nightly News, March 2006*

