



HOW THE FEDERAL EHR BENEFITS VETERANS

VA is implementing a new electronic health record (EHR) called the Federal EHR at all VA facilities. This system contains your complete health record and tracks all of your medical care. The Federal EHR will improve VA's health care delivery and positively impact the care you receive.

Here are just a few ways the new system benefits you.



EASIER TRANSITION FROM MILITARY TO VA CARE

You no longer have to manage the transfer of your own records when you separate from the military because they are already in the system.



MORE PRODUCTIVE APPOINTMENTS

You can spend more time talking with providers about your health concerns and available treatments and less time repeating your health history.



LESS TIME UNDERGOING REPEAT TESTS, IMAGING, AND EXAMS

With information like test results and records from military and community care providers already in the system, you will spend less time repeating past procedures and exams.



IMPROVED PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OPTIONS

As the Federal EHR is deployed to more facilities, VA can analyze Veteran and service member data more easily, giving deeper insights into Veteran health issues and informing innovative new treatments.



CONSISTENT EXPERIENCE ACROSS VA FACILITIES

If you are referred to another VA, it will operate the same and can quickly access all your records, referrals, and orders. And, you will use one patient portal no matter which VA you visit.



THE SAME HIGH-QUALITY CARE AT EVERY VA

A single Federal EHR will better support nationally standardized health care delivery, allowing innovations and best practices to be identified, spread, and adopted more effectively.



REAL-WORLD SCENARIO

Before the Federal EHR, VA providers were unable to access diagnostic-quality (high-quality) X-ray images from the Department of Defense (DoD).

After implementation of the Federal EHR, VA providers can access diagnostic-quality X-rays from DoD and can make accurate comparisons with current images. They can see how bones are healing and make more informed decisions regarding your health care.