The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to providing seamless care for Veterans, including access to a comprehensive electronic health record (EHR).

In May 2018, VA awarded Cerner a contract to replace their current EHR systems with the commercial-off-the-shelf solution - Cerner Millennium® - currently being deployed by the Department of Defense (DoD). The Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) initiative will leverage an existing commercial solution to achieve interoperability within VA, with DoD, and with community care providers. A single interoperable solution across VA and DoD will facilitate the secure transfer of active duty service members’ health data as they transition to Veteran status. Health records residing in a common solution will eliminate the reliance on multiple complex clinical interfaces and manual data entry. VA's new EHR solution will provide clinicians with quick and efficient access to the complete picture of Veteran health information, improving VA’s delivery of health care to our Nation’s Veterans.

Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization (OEHRM) provides program management and oversight to enable the seamless delivery of health care to Veterans and qualified beneficiaries through the EHRM implementation effort.

THE EHRM EFFORT HAS THREE MAJOR COMPONENTS:
1. Modernize VA’s legacy systems and associated infrastructure required to support a new industry-leading EHR solution.
2. Provide Veterans and clinicians with a complete picture of patients’ medical history, driving connections between military service and health outcomes through data analytics.
3. Implement a new EHR solution that is interoperable with DoD and community care providers, enabling the seamless sharing of records

HAPPENING NOW
VA is working with Cerner to achieve initial operating capability (IOC) of VA's new EHR solution in the Pacific Northwest, including three anchor locations: VA Puget Sound Health Care System - American Lake Division, VA Puget Sound Health Care System - Seattle Division, and Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center. As DoD has already deployed to this region, VA selected the Pacific Northwest to maximize efficiencies through DoD’s lessons learned. This strategy also allows VA to leverage DoD’s data hosting environment and; adopt enhanced cybersecurity protocols to facilitate interoperability.

THE WAY AHEAD
After IOC implementation, VA will deploy its new EHR solution in waves over a 10-year period across the VA enterprise. VA will continue to maintain and support its legacy EHR systems over this period until every VA medical facility has the new EHR solution, ensuring that current patient records are accessible and there is no interruption in the delivery of quality care.

After full deployment, VA clinicians will have a complete and accurate record of Veterans’ health history, improving the overall quality of health care provided to our Nation’s Veterans.
Model Validation Event: VA’s EHR Councils began the National and local workflow development process, evaluating Cerner’s capabilities and implementing commercial best practices, while configuring EHR workflows to best serve the needs of Veterans.

National Workshops: Educates diverse clinical end-users and validates workflows to ensure VA’s new EHR solution meets the Department’s needs.

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