

# Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS)

*A Single Interface for Healthcare Providers to Review and Update a Patient's Medical Record to Better Manage Care*

CPRS directly supports clinical decision-making by organizing and instantly displaying all relevant patient data. Its comprehensive cover sheet shows the patient's up-to-date information, including active problems, allergies, current medications, recent laboratory results, vital signs, and both inpatient and outpatient history. This gives the clinician an accurate overview of the patient's status before making treatment decisions.

As the workhorse of VistA, CPRS is flexible enough to be implemented in a wide variety of settings and is used by a broad spectrum of healthcare providers.

## CPRS includes:

- **Real-Time Order Checking** to alert clinicians to potential problems before an order is processed
- **Notification System** to immediately notify clinicians of clinically significant events
- **Templates** to assist the clinician in accurately and quickly producing progress notes, discharge summaries, consult results and other documents
- **Clinical Reminder System** to promote preventive health care through timely clinical interventions such as examinations or patient education
- **Remote Data View** to allow clinicians to study a patient's medical history from another VA or DoD facility — ensuring the clinician has the best information to provide the best care
- **E-prescribing** to prevent errors made in filling prescriptions due to illegible handwriting and to provide a check against unusual dosages, allergies, and drug-to-drug interaction

