



Department of
Veterans Affairs
Office of Information

VA & DoD Partnership

Improving Health Care through
Shared Electronic Medical Records

Electronic Transfer of Medical Information

Through the Bidirectional Health Information Exchange (BHIE), a joint electronic system of shared medical records, VA and DoD providers access critical information to make informed decisions. When time is of the essence, this information dramatically improves health care for our service members and veterans.

Significant Benefits

- ★ Provides clinicians with the latest information
- ★ Instant access supports patient safety
- ★ Eliminates paper copies of medical records
- ★ Provides secure and streamlined service

Development of Award-winning System

- ★ Continuous information flow between VA & DoD
- ★ Eases medical transition from active duty to VA care
- ★ Avoids duplicate histories and testing
- ★ Alerts providers to potential drug interactions
- ★ Speeds care and is responsive to family concerns

BHIE: Real-time Data Sharing

Information available to clinicians includes:

- ★ Medication and food allergy data
- ★ Radiology test reports
- ★ Lab reports
- ★ Chemistry and hematology results
- ★ Surgical pathology results
- ★ Outpatient pharmacy data
- ★ Inpatient discharge summaries

Building a Bridge to Electronic Medical Records

VA & DoD working together for our nation's heroes

For additional information:

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

