

Shared Electronic Health Records

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MALE NARRATOR:

Our nation honors those who fought on battlefields and remote mountains, in jungles and deserts.

Thousands of military men and women risk their lives to protect our freedom and preserve our way of life.

For those injured in combat, medical teams stand ready to respond.

Dedicated experts from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs work together to provide the highest quality of health care for those who have served and continue to serve our nation.

MICHAEL A. WELSH:

Our team was going out with the Afghan Army to recover a suspected cash of surface-to-air missiles, MANPADS, as we were cruising down this two-way highway near the Pakistani border, a car on the shoulder of the road with over a thousand kilos of explosives detonated just as we came up on the side of it...

MALE NARRATOR:

As a non-commissioned officer in the United States Army, Mike Welsh proudly served his country for 25 years before sustaining severe injuries from an improvised explosive device.

MICHAEL A. WELSH:

That blast injured me with some head injuries, some burns, traumatic brain injury, you know, some other minor problems.

MALE NARRATOR:

Like other Active Duty Service members wounded in battle, Mike transitioned from the military health care system to VA's. With a team of professionals by his side every step of the way, he began to travel the long road to recovery.

MICHAEL A. WELSH:

Each stage of the way was a seamless transfer for all of my medical care. It's just so impressive what can be done in a short amount of time to help somebody.

MALE NARRATOR:

Through an electronic system of shared medical records VA and DoD are able to access critical medical information to make informed decisions when time is of the essence.

DIVYA SHROFF, MD:

We are now able to—in one sitting, with one click of the mouse—look into the records at the Department of Defense, look into things such as medications, medical history, progress notes, laboratory tests.

JEAN LANGBEIN:

We're actually treating Active Duty Service members here, while they're still on active duty. So they're being referred to our programs to supplement the care they're receiving at a military treatment facility. In order to do that we need information regarding their medical conditions. So we do need that electronic exchange of information for us to continue the treatment goals and the plan of care for the Active Duty Service member.

MALE NARRATOR:

Through this seamless continuum of care, VA strides to improve the health outcomes for those who sacrificed so much to defend our freedom.

MICHAEL A. WELSH

I just keep leaning forward and keep working on my deficits and things get better every day.

MALE NARRATOR:

Those who so bravely served now face the daily challenges of recovery. VA is committed to helping these men and women lead full and healthy lives, moment by moment, one day at a time.