



Rollout of the VA's Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM)

Transforming Health Care for Veterans, Revolutionizing Health Care for All

VA is transitioning to a new electronic health record (EHR) system — the software that stores health information and tracks all aspects of patient care — over a 10-year period scheduled to end in 2028. The new system connects VA medical facilities with the Department of Defense, the U.S. Coast Guard and participating community care providers, allowing clinicians to easily access a Veteran's full medical history in one location. The VA EHRM Integration Office manages deployment of the new system.





1. Improving VA's Data Access and Management

Goals of VA's EHR System

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Maintain a singular integrated health record from military service to Veteran status

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Provide an integrated view of Veterans care

- Including private sector care and care during military service

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Standardize the Veteran experience across VA

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Improve care coordination and Veteran experience

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Reduce variation across the system

- Reduce costs and improve efficiencies
- Improve access to care, quality, and safety

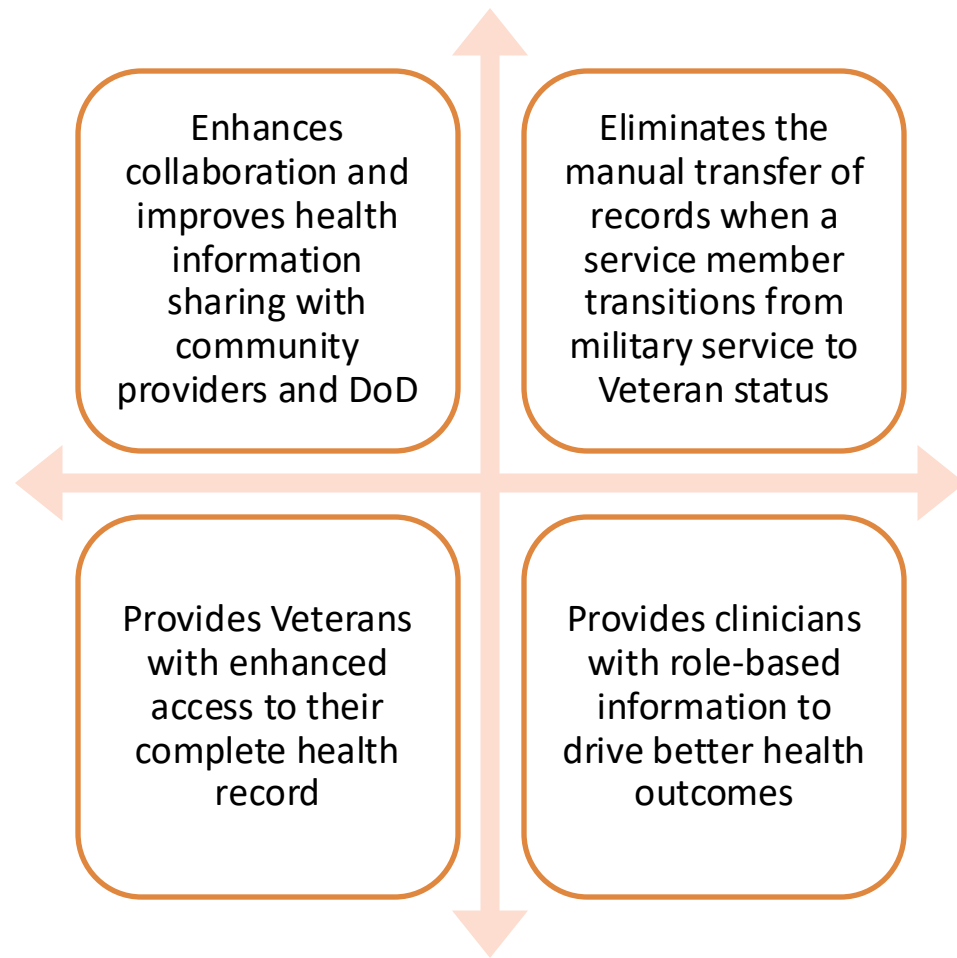
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Strengthen cybersecurity posture for Veteran's medical records

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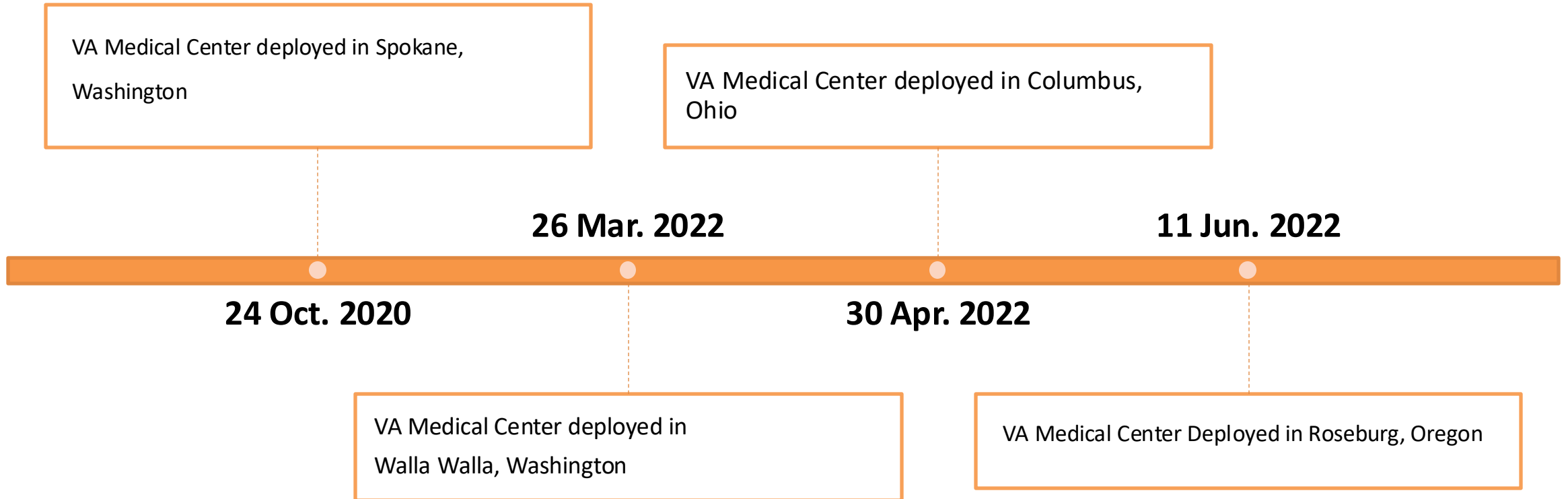
Modernize VA's health care delivery and technology infrastructure

Improvements from VistA to Cerner's System

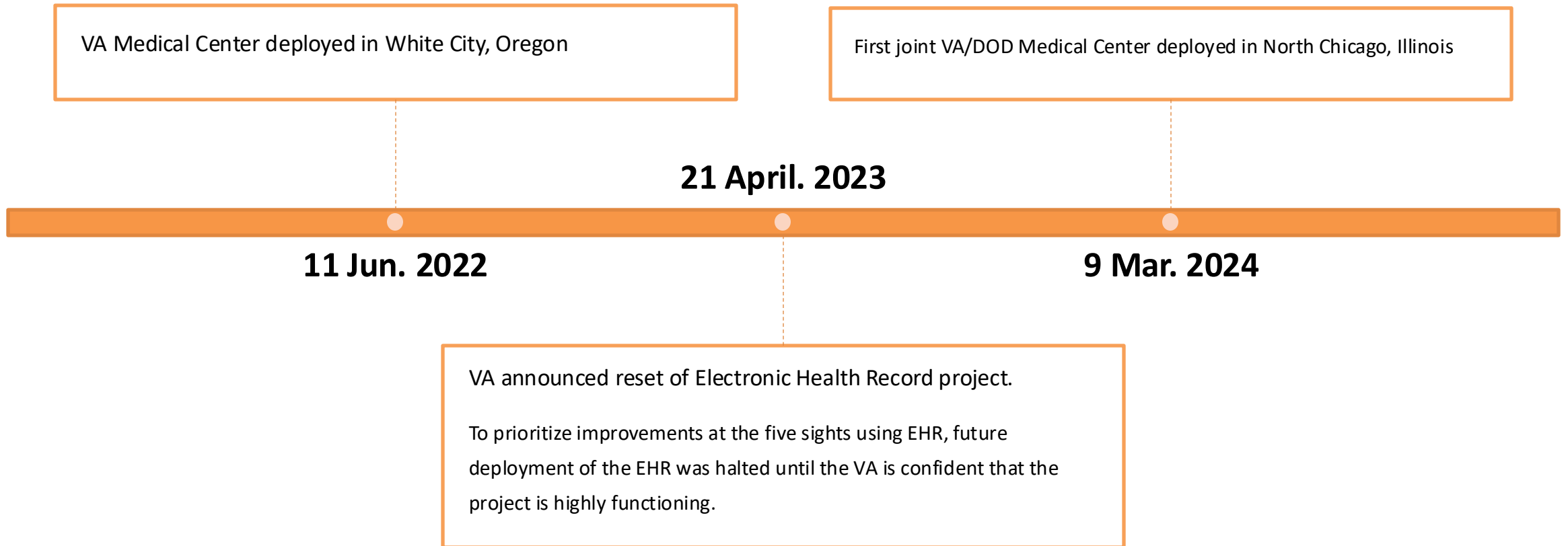


2. Timeline of VA's Progress Deploying the EHR System

EHRM Deployment Timeline



EHRM Deployment Timeline Cont.



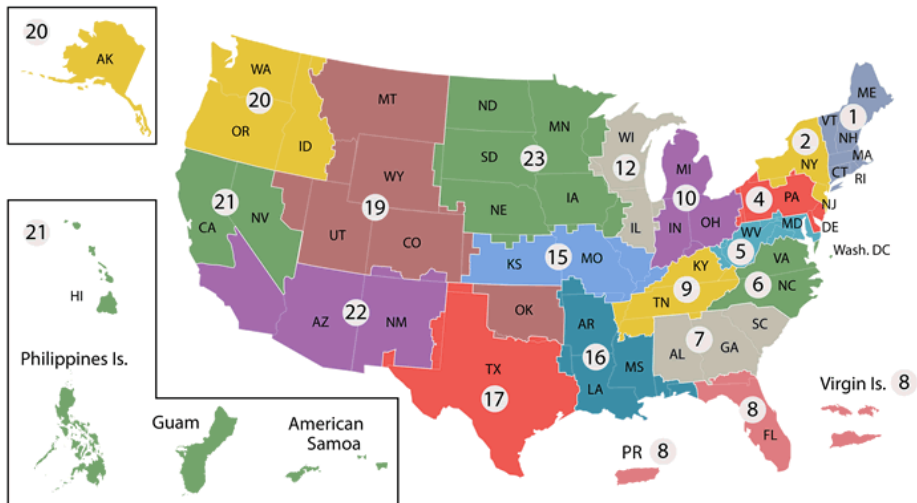
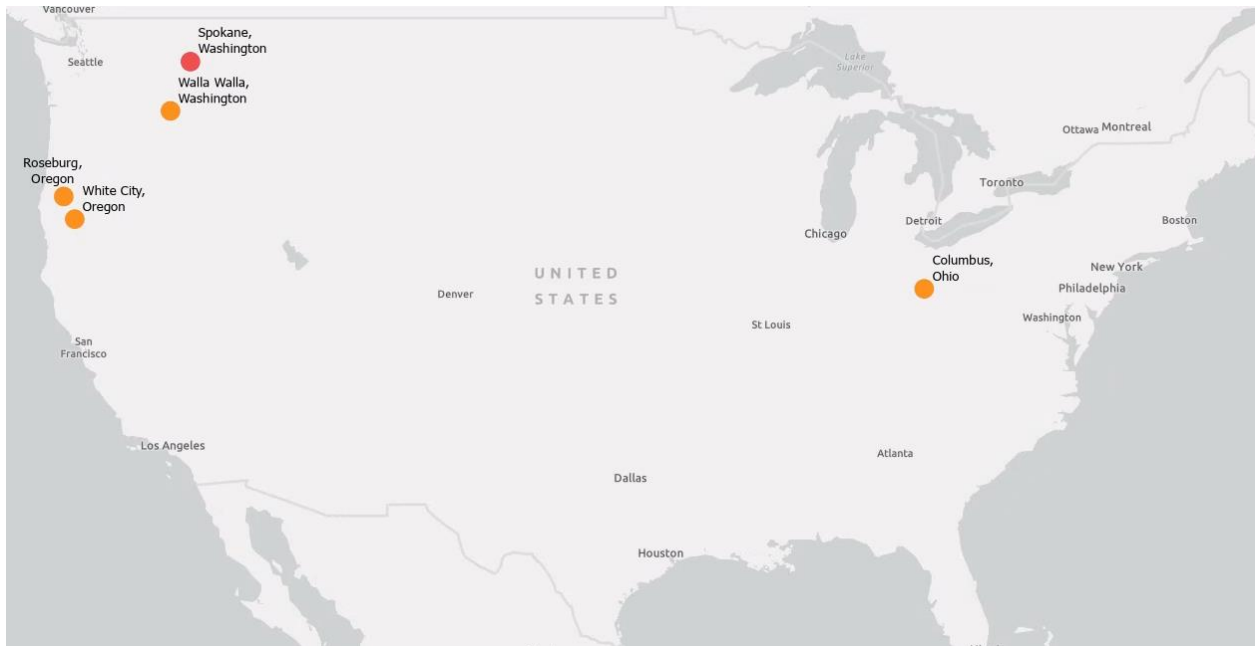
2024 Updates

- March 9, 2024 – The VA, DoD, FEHRM rolled out Federal Electronic Health Record in North Chicago
 - This is the first joint deployment of the federal EHR at a joint VA and DoD facility.
 - The facility provides health care to Veterans, service members and their families, and Navy recruits (around 75,000 patients each year).

Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act

- Legislation introduced May 14, 2024, combining several existing EHRM-related bills into one legislative package
- New legislation intends to put an end to the VA's current EHRM program within two years unless improvements are made
 - VA must certify that the six existing sites using the Oracle Cerner EHR have recovered, and health care quality metrics demonstrate improvement
- Restricts “preliminary program activities” at additional VA sites until data is submitted proving that all facilities currently using the Oracle Cerner EHR system “have recovered to normal operational levels”
- Gives the VA 90 days to establish healthcare quality metrics for evaluating the EHR system

FY 2021 and FY 2022 Deployments



FY 2021
(VISN 20)

FY 2022
(VISN 10 & 20)

Full EHR Deployment Schedule - VA EHR Modernization

Site	Location	VISN	Size	Go-Live Date
Mann-Granstaff VA Medical Center	Spokane, Washington	20	Small	Went Live October 24, 2020
Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center	Walla Walla, Washington	20	Small	Went Live March 26, 2022
VA Central Ohio Healthcare System	Columbus, Ohio	10	Medium	Went Live April 30, 2022
Roseburg VA Health Care System	Roseburg, Oregon	20	Medium	Went Live June 11, 2022
VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics	White City, Oregon	20	Large	Went Live June 11, 2022

FY 2024 Deployments

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Site	Location	VISN	Go-Live Date
Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center	North Chicago, Illinois	12	Went live March 9, 2024



3. The Way Forward: Future of VA's EHR Modernization



VA's Plan for Navigating Future Deployments and Developments

- The VA still plans to roll out the new EHR system to all its facilities nationwide over the course of several years.
- Deployments will continue to take place in “waves,” with the goal of implementing the EHR system in multiple VA facilities within each [Veterans Integrated Service Network \(VISN\)](#).
- “During deployment, each facility will hold workshops to configure the EHR system to its needs and undergo infrastructure upgrades and system testing.”¹
 - Deployment schedule will remain flexible and will be adjusted as needed
- The VA EHRM Integration Office will continue to prepare VA facility leaders and staff through comprehensive training plans.

Looking Ahead to FY 2025

- VA plans to release a new deployment schedule in FY 2025
- For the VA's latest EHRM deployment schedule, click [here](#)

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