



Summit on Transforming Veterans' Care: Patient Engagement and Care Coordination
June 9 and 10, Patriots Plaza III building at 355 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

We are pleased to invite you to our summit on transforming care for our nation's Veterans. The Summit will be held on June 9 and 10, 2015 in Washington, DC and will be jointly hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Rural Health. Participants include Government and non-Government leaders from across the nation.

The summit will focus on White House Rural Council initiatives underway to improve care coordination and quality for Veterans, including the nationwide Veteran Initiated Electronic Care Coordination (VIECC) project. VIECC implements innovative approaches to patient engagement and health information exchange to improve care coordination and quality for Veterans who seek care within the VA system and at their community clinic/hospital. For more on VIECC, see our [joint HHS/VA blog posting](#).

Priority Areas:

1. Consumer Engagement: Recognizing Veterans as the center of their own health care team
2. Empowering and training Veterans to electronically access and then use their own health information
3. Health Information Exchange: Timely sharing of health information between the VA, Veterans and their care givers, and community clinics and hospitals.

Learning Objectives:

1. HHS and VA initiatives underway to improve care coordination and quality for Veterans.
2. The Veteran Choice Act and implications for health information sharing.
3. How to educate patient-Veterans about the benefits of secure sharing of their own health information and how to use their patient portals (e.g., MyHealthVet) to share key health information (e.g., allergies, medications, diagnosis, lab results).
4. The impact of health information exchange, particularly Veteran-initiated exchange, on the quality and efficiency of patient medical visits.
5. VA plans to implement a new feature, Blue Button Direct, which will be accessible within VA's MyHealthVet and will help Veterans easily and securely share their health information electronically with civilian providers of their choosing.
6. Challenges and opportunities to 1) empowering Veterans to access their own health records and 2) health information exchange and care coordination for Veterans.

Logistics: The first day, June 9, will focus on the above priority areas and learning objectives. The second day, June 10, will be a training day focused on the day-to-day operations of the VIECC project. A detailed agenda will be circulated to attendees.

- June 9 participants: Please arrive in the lobby **by 8:45 AM EST.**
- June 10 participants: Please arrive in the lobby **by 8:15 AM EST.**

Location: Patriots Plaza III Building at 355 E Street S.W. – Washington, DC 20024. Arrangements will be made to escort attendees through security.

To register or for more information, please contact Leila Samy at Leila.Samy@HHS.Gov.