



VistA Imaging

Creating a Multi-media Electronic Health Record Integrating Medical Images in the Patient's Chart

VistA Imaging enhances patient care by fully incorporating medical images of all kinds into one complete patient record. These images include x-rays, pathology slides, cardiology motion views, wound photos, and pictures acquired during endoscopy, surgery, eye exams, and other studies.

VistA Imaging has been installed in all VA medical facilities, providing benefits that include:

- ★ Direct linkage between reports in the medical record x-ray reports, procedure reports, pathology reports, narrative reports, communication, and associated images
- ★ Improved continuity of care because clinicians have access to all images and records during the patient's visit, including images captured and residing at other VA and DoD locations
- ★ Improved image interpretation through manipulation of digital images
- ★ Remote image interpretation allows consultation by specialty clinicians located at other VA Medical Centers to increase Veterans access to scarce resources
- ★ Reduced patient travel through remote consultation
- ★ Reduced patient waiting times and improved customer service
- ★ Fewer repeat procedures due to lost film
- ★ Reduced operational expenses

