## Secure Messaging Through My HealtheVet

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Secure Messaging (SM) is web-based, encrypted communication between patients and health professionals. For patients, SM through My HealtheVet offers convenient access to healthcare team members for non-urgent issues. For clinical staff, SM provides a personal and efficient way to communicate virtually with patients. Healthcare team members find that online communication tends to be faster than telephone calls and also helps coordinate care. Secure Messaging can substitute for other types of communication and encounters and may improve the quality of in-person visits

## Special Recognition in Achieving Secure Messaging Milestones

The My Healthe Vet Program recognizes all VA Medical Centers for having achieved full Secure Messaging implementation in Primary Care, Specialty Medicine and Surgical Care.

This is a remarkable feat requiring extraordinary levels of leadership, commitment, creativity, and perseverance.

National implementation of Secure Messaging efforts now focusing on Mental Health, and Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Service, Dentistry, and key non-clinical areas.