

What is the VOCCB?

The VistA Office (VO) Change Control Board (VOCCB) reviews all VistA patches, from all sources, to determine whether a patch might have an impact on the VistA/Cerner Millennium environment at sites that are undergoing Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) transition, also known as "Freeze" sites, and at sites that have completed EHRM transition, also known as "Cerner Converted" sites. The VOCCB decides whether a patch should be installed and tested by Enterprise Testing Services (ETS), and whether a patch is approved to be installed at Freeze sites and Cerner Converted sites (EHRM sites).

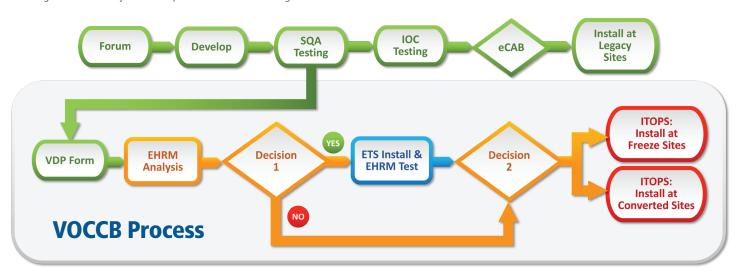
The VOCCB VistA patch review process is in addition to, in parallel with, and synchronized with the existing VIP VistA patch development, testing, and release life cycle and schedule. The VOCCB does not review VistA patches for general release, but only for installation at EHRM sites.

Who are the VOCCB? (VOCCB Partners)

VOCCB collaborates with the VHA, Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization (OEHRM), Office of Information Technology (OIT), Health Services Portfolio (HSP),ETS, and Information Technology and Operations (ITOPS) to identify, evaluate, test, and approve VistA patches to be installed at EHRM sites. VOCCB comprises Co-Chairs, Analysts, Scribes, and Voting Members and subject matter experts from the stakeholder organizations.

What does the VOCCB do?

- Receive the VistA Patch Decision (VPD) form from Project Manager
- · Evaluate the form for readiness for VOCCB review
- Analyze VistA Patch for potential EHRM impact
- VOCCB Decision 1 During a daily VOCCB meeting decide to:
 - ETS Install only for Freeze Sites or Cerner Converted sites
 - ETS Install with EHRM testing for Freeze Sites or Cerner Converted sites
 - Skip ETS and send the patch to Decision 2 (Informational patches)
 - Do Not Install the patch at ETS for Freeze Sites or Cerner Converted sites or both
- VOCCB Decision 2 During a daily VOCCB meeting decide to:
 - Approve the patch to Install at Freeze Sites or Cerner Converted sites
 - Place the patch "On Hold" at Freeze Sites or Cerner Converted sites until a condition is met (e.g., freeze is lifted)
 - Recommend that the patch not be installed at Freeze sites or at Cerner Converted sites and provide justification
- Send the results of Decision 2 to ITOPS and other VOCCB stakeholders for action



How do I submit a VistA patch to VOCCB for review?

To submit a VistA patch for VOCCB review, Click HERE. Ensure that you attach a Full PD from Forum and send the patch to ETS per the instructions at the bottom of the form.

Where can I see the status of VistA patches under VOCCB review?

To view the list of VPD forms, Click HERE. Use the Views drop down list to show the list of VPD forms . The "All Items" view shows all of the forms, and the "All Open Items" view shows the forms that have not been through Decision 2. Click on any form to open the form for information about the patch and its VOCCB review.

How do I contact the VOCCB?

You can reach the members of the VOCCB via email at OITVOCCB@va.gov