Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE) works to provide health care providers with a complete view of VA Patient health records to help make more informed treatment decisions. VHIE accomplishes this goal through VA Exchange, which focuses on the advancement of electronic exchange of standardized and secure medical information between VA and participating external providers across the nation. The data exchanged includes VA health information.

**Exchange for Providers**

VA Exchange enables bi-directional query-based exchange of VA Patient health information between VA and participating external providers, including other federal agencies, health care organizations, and health information exchanges (HIEs).

For more information on how to participate in VA Exchange, please refer to the following resources:

- Learn more: [VA Exchange External Provider Onboarding Flyer](#)
- Find out if your organization is already a [VA Exchange participating external provider](#)

**Exchange for Patients**

VA Exchange improves the quality of VA Patient health care by enabling secure and seamless electronic sharing of your patient health record between the VA, other federal agencies, and health care organizations.

VA Exchange works to improve the continuity of your care and reduce duplicative medical testing. VA Exchange also alleviates the burden of administrative tasks such as faxing, mailing, or hand-delivering health information when you receive care from external health care providers from different practices or networks.

VA does not share your health information with participating external providers unless they are treating you.

For more information on participating external providers connected through VA Exchange, [click here](#) to see if your provider organization is already participating.