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Clinical Reminders

VA-IRAQ POST DEPLOYMENT REMINDER UPDATE

Install Guide

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# Introduction

**Description:**

Background: There have been some longstanding requests from the field to remove the mental health screenings (alcohol, depression, and PTSD) from the post deployment screens (Diarrhea, Embedded Fragments, Fever, Rash). The existing National Mental Health Reminders cover the screens for those three conditions and are also mandated. The maintenance of the mental health screening questions in their stand-alone reminders and as part of the Post-Deployment screen has become increasingly complex with the addition of more questions and the suicide risk screening process recently mandated by the Mental Health program office. It has also caused confusion for the front-line staff.

The National Clinical Reminder Workgroup recently reviewed these requests to simply the Post-Deployment reminder and remove the duplication. The NCRW approved this change and would like to move forward with deploying the simplified version to the field.

**Pertinent points:**

- The Post-Deployment reminder will continue to prompt for the 4 required screens (diarrhea, embedded fragments, fever and rash) and will not resolve unless the sections are completed, the patient refuses to answer or it is documented that the patient has already had the post deployment screen at another facility.

- The separate reporting reminder used in the national extract for the Post-Deployment screening report will not change – it will still evaluate the patients for all 7 screening elements (3 mental health screens and the 4 mentioned above).

- Front-line users will still need to complete alcohol, depression and PTSD screening using the national reminders, but they will no longer see the duplication of these screens in the Post-Deployment reminder.

There is an embedded fragments component in this reminder, sites should also be using the national reminders for embedded fragments in addition to this reminder.

If you have the post deployment reminder assigned to specific users, please make sure that those users also have access to the mental health reminders for depression, alcohol use and PTSD because those components will no longer be a part of the post deployment reminder.

UPDATE_2_0_84 contains 1 Reminder Exchange entry:

**UPDATE_2_0_84 VA-IRAQ POST DEPLOYMENT UPDATE**

The exchange file contains the following components:

**TIU TEMPLATE FIELD**

- VA*I/A QM CLINICAL GUIDELINES
- BLANK TEXT FIELD FOR DIALOGS
- EF CONTACT INFO
HEALTH FACTORS

VA-REMINDER UPDATES
VA-UPDATE_2_0_84
IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN
OEF/OIF SCREEN COMPLETED OUTSIDE
MENTAL HEALTH
SEVERE CHRONIC COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT
UNABLE TO SCREEN - ACUTE ILLNESS
REFUSED ID & OTHER SX SCREEN
SKIN LESION SCREEN NEGATIVE
SKIN LESION SCREEN POSITIVE
NO EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS
EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS
EF-NO BLAST/EXPLOSION INJURY
EF-CONTACT EMAIL
EF-CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
EF-CONTACT NAME
EF-UNKNOWN IF FRAGMENTS IN BODY
EF-NO FRAGMENTS IN BODY
EF-FRAGMENTS ON RADIOGRAPH
EF-UNKNOWN IF FRAGMENTS ON RADIOGRAPH
EF-NO FRAGMENTS ON RADIOGRAPH
EF-FRAGMENTS IN BODY
EF-UNKNOWN IF REMOVED IN SURGERY
EF-FRAGMENTS NOT REMOVED IN SURGERY
EF-FRAGMENTS SENT TO LAB
EF-UNKNOWN IF SENT TO LAB
EF-FRAGMENTS NOT SENT TO LAB
EF-FRAGMENTS REMOVED IN SURGERY
EF-BLAST SOURCE OTHER
EF-BLAST SOURCE UNKNOWN
EF-FRIENDLY FIRE
EF-ENEMY FIRE
EF-GRENADE
EF-LAND MINE
EF-RPG
EF-IED
EF-NOT IN VEHICLE
EF-IN VEHICLE
EF-BLAST/EXPLOSION INJURY
EF-NO BULLET INJURY
EF-BULLET INJURY
EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS PRESENT
GI SYMPTOMS SCREEN NEGATIVE
GI SYMPTOMS SCREEN POSITIVE
UNEXPLAINED FEVERS SCREEN NEGATIVE
UNEXPLAINED FEVERS SCREEN POSITIVE
SYRIA SERVICE
UZBEKISTAN SERVICE
TAJKISTAN SERVICE
PHILIPPINES SERVICE
PAKISTAN SERVICE
KYRGYZSTAN SERVICE
GEORGIA SERVICE
AFGHANISTAN SERVICE
OTHER SERVICE LOCATION
TURKEY SERVICE
SAUDI ARABIA SERVICE
KUWAIT SERVICE
IRAQ SERVICE
NO IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE
IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE
OTHER PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS SCREEN NEGATIVE
OTHER PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS SCREEN POSITIVE

REMEMINDER SPONSOR
Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards
National Clinical Practice Guideline Council
Mental Health Services
Office of Quality & Performance
VA Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center
Office of Patient Care Services
Mental Health and Behavioral Science Strategic Group

REMEMINDER TERM
VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_84
VA-PERSISTENT RASH (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)
VA-BL OEF/OIF SKIN SX
VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)
VA-BL OEF/OIF EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS
VA-GI SYMPTOMS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)
VA-BL OEF/OIF GI SX
VA-UNEXPLAINED FEVER (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)
VA-BL OEF/OIF FEVER
VA-IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE REGISTRATION
VA-IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE
VA-OTHER SYMPTOMS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)
VA-OEF/OIF SCREEN DONE ELSEWHERE
VA-COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT
Install Details

This update is being distributed as a web host file. The address for the host file is: http://vista.med.va.gov/reminders/UPDATE_2_0_84.PRD

The file will be installed using Reminder Exchange, programmer access is not required.

Installation:

This update can be loaded with users on the system, you may want to install during less busy times since this will impact an existing reminder. Installation will take at least an hour to install the dialog portion.

Pre-Install

There are no pre installation steps for this update.
Please be aware that installing into production will update the reminder for all users that have access to it.
Install Example

To Load the Web Host File. Navigate to Reminder exchange in Vista

At the **Select Action:** prompt, enter **LWH** for Load Web Host File
At the **Input the url for the .prd file:** prompt, type the following web address:

http://vista.med.va.gov/reminders/UPDATE_2_0_84.PRD

You should see a message at the top of your screen that the file successfully loaded.

Search and locate an entry titled **UPDATE_2_0_48 VA-IRAQ POST DEPLOYMENT UPDATE** in reminder exchange.

At the **Select Action** prompt, enter **IFE** for Install Exchange File Entry
Enter the number that corresponds with your entry titled **UPDATE_2_0_84 VA-IRAQ POST DEPLOYMENT UPDATE** (*in this example it is entry 174 it will vary by site*)
At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for Install all Components and hit enter.

Select Action: Next Screen// **IA** Install all Components

For NEW components, you will choose I to install, for components that already exists but the packed component is different, you will choose O to Overwrite EXCEPT for reminder terms which you can choose M to MERGE if you are prompted.

You will be prompted to install the reminder dialog component – you should install all for the dialog even if there is an x that shows the item exists – this is an update and therefore you want the install to update your existing dialog:

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – VA-IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN POST DEPLOYMENT SCREEN

Select Action: Next Screen// **IA** Install All

Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y// **Yes**
When the dialog has completed installation, you will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q**.

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**Install complete.**

### Post Installation

1. To confirm that installation was successful, you can check two things:
   a. Do a Reminder Inquiry for reminder definition **VA-IRAQ & AFGHAN POST-DEPLOY SCREEN** either in VistA or CPRS and confirm that the description includes an entry for April 2019.
b. Using CPRS, on a test patient, start a new note, find the Iraq & Afghan Post-Deployment Screen reminder (this is the print name that you will see in CPRS) and confirm that there is no longer a Depression, PTSD or Alcohol screen within the reminder dialog.

NOTE: If you require further technical assistance, if there are any questions or problems during the installation, please notify your local IT support to log a national help desk ticket or contact the VA Service Desk and have them submit a national ticket to:
   Category: Enterprise Applications
   Enterprise Application: VistA - Clinical Reminders
   Assignment Group: NTL SUP Clin 2