

## Patient Advocate Tracking System



# The Patient Advocate Tracking System (PATS) will soon replace the legacy Patient Representative System (Patient Rep).



In Patient Rep, you received alerts to respond to a patient complaint or view a compliment.

In the PATS application, you will receive an Outlook email with a link to view patient information.



### There are two types of notifications. Informational Notifications are FYI; no response is required on your part. Action Request Notifications require a response from you within a specified period of time.



### I received an email Notification.

### What do I do?

## This is an example of an email sent to the recipient of an Informational Notification.

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At the PATS Login page, select TEST Parent Stn 110 (110) from the Institution drop-down list. Note: If you have trouble accessing the not If the problem continues, contact the Hell at 1.888.596.4357.	ain.

The recipient should make a note of the Institution mentioned in the email (Test Parent Stn 110) and then click on the link.

### When you click on the email link, the PATS Logon page displays.

acceptance that there is no reasonable expectation of privacy in the use of Government networks or systems.
The data and documents on this system include Federal records that contain sensitive information protected by various Federal statutes, including the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, and veterans' records confidentiality statutes such as 38 U.S.C. §§ 5701 and 7332. Access to the data and records is on a need-to-know basis only.
All access or use of this system constitutes user understanding and acceptance of these terms and constitutes unconditional consent to review and action including (but not limited to) monitoring, recording, copying, auditing, inspecting, investigating, restricting access, blocking, tracking, disclosing to authorized personnel, or any other authorized actions by all authorized government and law enforcement personnel.
Log on for: Patient Advocate Tracking System (PATS)
2. Enter VistA Access and Verify codes Enter verify code: • Sort by Station Number * • Sort by Station Name * Refresh Institution: TEST Parent Stn 110 (110) • * 1. Select the Institution 1. Select the Institution
* Persistent Cookie Used ( <u>more information</u> ).

- 1. Select the Institution listed in the email from the drop-down list.
- 2. Enter your VistA Access and Verify codes.
- 3. Press the Login button.

### After you log on, the View Informational Notification page displays.

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Review the information and then press the Log off link to finish.



## Next, we'll view an Action Request Notification.

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Cc: Subject: PATS Notification - Action Request		
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Note: If you have trouble accessing the notificaeturn to this email and click on the link again.		
If the problem continues, contact the Help Desk 88.596.4357.		

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- 2. Enter your VistA Access and Verify codes.
- 3. Press the Login button.

### Here is an example of a View Action Request Notification page.

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Date Sen	t:	01/19/2007	Expiration Date:	05/30/2006		
Patient N	ame :	PATSPATIENT, ONE	Treatment Status :	Outpatient		
SSN:		000685184	Eligibility Status :	EMPLOYEE		
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The Patient's concern is detailed in ROC Issue Text section. Patient Advocate comments are in the Additional Comments section.

## Review the information and enter a response in the Add Comment section. Press the Add button and then the Log off link to finish.

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The advocate is notified by email that a response has been made to the Action Request Notification.



## **Timeliness is Important!**



## VHA Handbook 1003.4

#### b. <u>Patients Must Have Their Complaints Addressed in a Timely</u> <u>Manner</u>

(1) There must be sufficient staffing devoted to the Patient Advocacy Program to ensure timely resolution of complaints, identification and resolution of system issues, and tracking, trending and reporting to appropriate areas. Response to complaints occurs as soon as possible, but no longer than 7 days after the complaint is made. Should the complaint require more than 7 days, staff are responsible for continuously updating the patient on the status of the complaint and/or resolution. **NOTE:** *Privacy complaints are to be processed in accordance with VHA Handbook 1605.1, Privacy and Release of Information.*