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To Whom It May Concern;

Having been in the nursing field for quite some time now, I have noticed some wonderful and productive changes. However; the number one biggest roadblock that I have found especially with working for Veterans Affairs is the ability to obtain outside records.

I personally feel this to be extremely cumbersome and causes a delay of care. My hope is that with today’s technology that we will one day find a program that links all hospitals and local physician offices, including diagnostic and lab facilities under one roof.

The best way to provide the most accurate and effective care is allowing the Primary Care Team to have “all their eggs in one basket”. Too many times, we are not allowed this pleasure due to the patient being a poor historian, no release of information on file(this is totally another story) and after the fact, we find pertinent information out that would have been extremely useful when the patient was face to face with the Provider.

This to me, is our number one problem. My hope for the future, is that we can invent a useful tool that houses everything under one roof.

Thank you, for allowing nursing staff to weigh in on this very important topic.

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