

Two Leaders from VA's Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization Saluted for Impact in Health IT

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Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization (OEHRM) Executive Director John H. Windom and its Chief Technology Integration Officer John Short were among 20 leaders from VA recently recognized for driving change and advancement in federal health information technology (IT) at the [FedHealthIT 100 Awards reception](#).

"The mission of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program is vital, as it will allow us to better care for the men and women who faithfully serve our country," said Windom, who has managed OEHRM for the past two years. "It is a critical mission to DOD and VA, and this award is a testament of what we've accomplished in our program."

According to FedHealthIT, the organization honors individuals who drive innovation, challenge the status quo and create positive impact. During a December ceremony, Windom and Short were acknowledged for their work to establish a consolidated and modern electronic health record (EHR) solution for VA, which operates the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing care at [1,255 health care facilities](#), including 170 VA Medical Centers and 1,074 outpatient sites of care of varying complexity to over 9 million Veterans.

☑ **John H. Windom** led the multibillion-dollar acquisition of the new EHR solution and now focuses on its implementation, integration, deployment and oversight as OEHRM prepares for its initial "go-live" in March 2020. Through his leadership, OEHRM achieved multiple key milestones in the past year, including the completion of eight national workshops to determine EHR design and workflows, the development of advanced hands-on education sessions and an accelerated timeline for the new patient scheduling systems.

☑ **John Short** was instrumental in the migration of more than 105 billion health records representing 23.7 million Veterans from the legacy system to the new EHR solution. This migration of information enables advanced data analytics that will drive stronger connections between military service and health outcomes.

Eighteen other VA leaders were also honored with FedHealthIT 100 awards for their contributions to the federal health community.

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