



Update _2_0_481

Clinical Reminders

**VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED
REMINDER**

Install Guide

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Introduction

This reminder addresses a gap in the existing colorectal cancer screening reminder process. The fecal immunochemical test (FIT) is used for CRC screening in Veterans at average risk for colorectal cancer. The test may be provided and ordered via multiple locations (e.g., Primary Care, Gastroenterology, Mailed FIT Programs, ER). Mailed FIT Programs now exist in all VISNs and are expanding. Currently, the CRC Average Risk Screening Reminder is suppressed when a FIT is ordered, creating a void where providers may not be aware that the patient is due for CRC screening nor that a FIT has been ordered. The Veteran may be seen by their Primary Care Provider (PCP) during this window of time, when the PCP may want to be aware that CRC screening has not been completed.

Therefore, as the Mailed FIT Program expands, there will be a larger set of patients with orders for Mailed FIT that suppresses the reminder for CRC screening creating a missed opportunity for PCPs to have the discussion with the Veteran to encourage them to get screened and address any barriers to FIT completion. This 'information only' reminder will alert providers to counsel the patients in person. There is clear evidence of higher screening rates when discussion happens in clinics with their PCPs.

UPDATE_2_0_481 contains 1 Reminder Exchange entry:

UPDATE_2_0_481 VA-CSP DIALOG UPDATES

The exchange file contains the following components:

HEALTH FACTORS

VA-REMINDER UPDATES [C]
VA-UPDATE_2_0_481
VA-CRC HF CATEGORY [C]
VA-CRC PATIENT REMINDED TO RETURN FIT TEST
VA-CRC AVG RISK MT-SDNA POSITIVE
VA-CRC AVG RISK FOBT/FIT ABNORMAL
VA-CRC AVG RISK FOBT/FIT NORMAL
VA-CRC GAP ORDER FOBT/FIT
VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT

REMINDER SPONSOR

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REMINDER TERM

VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_481
VA-CRC FOBT/FIT
VA-CRC GAP REMINDER DUE
VA-CRC DIAGNOSTIC REMINDER DUE
VA-CRC FOLLOW UP REMINDER DUE SOON OR DUE NOW

VA-CRC AVERAGE RISK REMINDER DUE NOW
VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT

REMINDER DIALOG

VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED

REMINDER DEFINITION

VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED

Pre-Installation Steps

1. **Copy contents of VA-CRC FOBT/FIT, VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT, and VA-CRC GAP REMINDER DUE reminder terms.**

From REMINDER MANAGERS MENU select REMINDER TERM MANAGEMENT (TRM), then INQUIRE ABOUT REMINDER TERM (TI), then enter name of term.

- a. VA-CRC FOBT/FIT,
 - b. VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT, and
 - c. VA-CRC GAP REMINDER DUE
2. **Review the VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT reminder term.**

This term represents an active order for a fecal immunochemical test (FIT) or a fecal occult blood test (FOBT). If an orderable item for an order is mapped; then the corresponding health factor should be removed. Ideally only orderable items are mapped to this reminder term.

Orderable items should have a status of ACTIVE, PENDING and SCHEDULED.

Note: Orderable items with a correct status are always a better representation of an order than a health factor. If an active order is discontinued, then orderable items are evaluated correctly. A health factor representing an order will persist causing an incorrect evaluation. Do not use health factors to represent an order if the orderable item is available.

3. **Coordinate with clinical leadership to determine date to add to CPRS cover sheet.**

Install Details

This update is being distributed as a web host file. The address for the host file is:

https://REDACTED/UPDATE_2_0_481.PRD

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

Installation:

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This update can be loaded with users on the system. Installation will take less than 20 minutes.

Install Example

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

```
CMM Create MailMan Message          LR List Reminder Definitions
DFE Delete Exchange File Entry      LWH Load Web Host File
IFE Install Exchange File Entry     RI Reminder Definition Inquiry
IH Installation History              RP Repack
Select Action: Next Screen// LWH   Load Web Host File
Input the URL for the .prd file:
```

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:

https://REDACTED/UPDATE_2_0_481.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_481 VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED** in reminder exchange.

```
+Item  Entry                               Source                               Date Packed
789    UPDATE_2_0_481 VA-CRC FIT          <-----
      TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED
790    UPDATE_2_0_49 VA-SUICIDE
      BEHAVIOR AND OVERDOSE REPORT
791    UPDATE_2_0_5 MISC UPDATE 1
792    UPDATE_2_0_50 DEPRESSION
      MONITORING
793    UPDATE_2_0_51 VA-DOD HOSPITAL
      NOTIFICATION NOTE
794    UPDATE_2_0_52 VA-RELATIONSHIP
+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions  >>>
CFE    Create Exchange File Entry      LHF Load Host File
CHF    Create Host File                 LMM Load MailMan Message
CMM    Create MailMan Message          LR List Reminder Definitions
DFE    Delete Exchange File Entry      LWH Load Web Host File
IFE    Install Exchange File Entry     RI Reminder Definition Inquiry
IH     Installation History             RP Repack
Select Action: Next Screen// IFE      Install Exchange File Entry
Enter a list or range of numbers (1-1012): 789
```

At the **Select Action** prompt, enter **IFE** for Install Exchange File Entry
Enter the number that corresponds with your entry UPDATE_2_0_481 VA-CRC FIT TEST
ORDERED NOT RETURNED (*in this example it is entry 789. It will vary by site*). The date of the
exchange file should be 12/20/2024.

```
Description:
The following Clinical Reminder items were selected for packing:
REMINDER DIALOG
  VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED

REMINDER TERM
  VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_481

REMINDER DEFINITION
  VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED

Keywords:
+ Enter ?? for more actions >>>
IA  Install all Components          IS  Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// IA
```

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for Install all Components and hit enter.
Select Action: Next Screen// **IA Install all Components**

You will see several prompts, for all new entries you will choose **I to Install**

For all other components that already exists but the packed component is different, choose **SKIP to skip installation.**

Skip all existing health factors and reminder terms.

REMINDER TERM entry named VA-CRC FOBT/FIT already exists but the
packed component is different, what do you want to do?

Select one of the following:

- C Create a new entry by copying to a new name
- M Merge findings
- O Overwrite the current entry
- U Update
- Q Quit the install
- S Skip, do not install this entry

Enter response: O// **Skip, do not install this entry**

REMINDER TERM entry named VA-CRC GAP REMINDER DUE already exists but
the packed component is different, what do you want to do?

Select one of the following:

- C Create a new entry by copying to a new name
- M Merge findings

- O Overwrite the current entry
- U Update
- Q Quit the install
- S Skip, do not install this entry

Enter response: O// **Skip, do not install this entry**

REMINDER TERM entry named VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT already exists but the packed component is different, what do you want to do?

Select one of the following:

- C Create a new entry by copying to a new name
- M Merge findings
- O Overwrite the current entry
- U Update
- Q Quit the install
- S Skip, do not install this entry

Enter response: O// **Skip, do not install this entry**

REMINDER DEFINITION entry named VA-REPLACE DEFINITION already exists but the packed component is different, what do you want to do?

Select one of the following:

- C Create a new entry by copying to a new name
- O Overwrite the current entry
- U Update
- Q Quit the install
- S Skip, do not install this entry

Enter response: O// **Skip, do not install this entry**

You will be prompted to install the reminder dialog component (VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED). You will choose to install all even though some components may have an X to indicate that they exist.

Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED	dialog	
2	10	VA-GP FIT TEST ORDERED Finding: *NONE*	group	
3	10.5	VA-CRC REMINDED PATIENT TO RETURN FOBT TEST Finding: VA-CRC PT REMINDED OF FIT TEST (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
4		PXRM COMMENT	prompt	X

+ Next Screen		- Prev Screen		?? More Actions	
DD	Dialog Details	DT	Dialog Text	IS	Install Selected
DF	Dialog Findings	DU	Dialog Usage	QU	Quit
DS	Dialog Summary	IA	Install All		

Select Action: Quit// IA

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog: **VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED**

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

Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y// **Yes**

Select Reminder to Link: **VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED**

The "Select Reminder to Link" option may not be seen by all sites.

Packed reminder dialog: VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED [NATIONAL DIALOG]
VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED (reminder dialog) installed from exchange f

Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED	dialog	X
2	10	VA-GP FIT TEST ORDERED Finding: *NONE*	group	X
3	10.5	VA-CRC REMINDED PATIENT TO RETURN FOBT TEST Finding: VA-CRC PT REMINDED OF FIT TEST (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
4		PXRM COMMENT	prompt	X

+ Next Screen		- Prev Screen		?? More Actions	
DD	Dialog Details	DT	Dialog Text	IS	Install Selected
DF	Dialog Findings	DU	Dialog Usage	QU	Quit
DS	Dialog Summary	IA	Install All		

Select Action: Quit// Q

After completing this dialog install, you will type **Q**.

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REMINDER DEFINITION
  VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED

Keywords:
+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions  >>>
IA  Install all Components          IS  Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// Q
```

You will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q**.

Install complete.

Post Installation

1. **Confirm contents of VA-CRC FOBT/FIT, VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT, and VA-CRC GAP REMINDER DUE reminder terms match the pre-installation contents.**

From REMINDER MANAGERS MENU select REMINDER TERM MANAGEMENT (TRM), then INQUIRE ABOUT REMINDER TERM (TI), then enter name of term.

- a. **VA-CRC FOBT/FIT,**
- b. **VA-CRC AVG RISK ORDER FOBT/FIT, and**
- c. **VA-CRC GAP REMINDER DUE**

2. **Modify the VA-CRC AVERAGE RISK REMINDER DUE NOW reminder term.**

Begin in the Reminder Managers Menu

```
CF  Reminder Computed Finding Management ...
RM  Reminder Definition Management ...
SM  Reminder Sponsor Management ...
TXM Reminder Taxonomy Management
TRM Reminder Term Management ...
LM  Reminder Location List Management ...
RX  Reminder Exchange
```

RT Reminder Test
OS Other Supporting Menus ...
INFO Reminder Information Only Menu ...
DM Reminder Dialog Management ...
CP CPRS Reminder Configuration ...
RP Reminder Reports ...
MST Reminders MST Synchronization Management ...
PL Reminder Patient List Menu ...
PAR Reminder Parameters ...
VS NLM Value Set Menu
ROC Reminder Order Check Menu ...
CQM NLM Clinical Quality Measures Menu
XM Reminder Extract Menu ...

Select Reminder Managers Menu <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **TRM Reminder Term Management**

TL List Reminder Terms
TI Inquire about Reminder Term
TE Add/Edit Reminder Term
TC Copy Reminder Term
TICS Integrity Check Selected
TICA Integrity Check All
TEST Term Test

Select Reminder Term Management <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **TE Add/Edit Reminder Term**

Select Reminder Term: **VA-CRC AVERAGE RISK REMINDER DUE NOW**
...OK? Yes// **Yes**

Choose from:

CF VA-REMINDER DEFINITION Finding # 1
Select Finding: **1** VA-REMINDER DEFINITION

Display help for CF.VA-REMINDER DEFINITION? **NO**
Editing Finding Number: 1
FINDING ITEM: VA-REMINDER DEFINITION// **<enter>**
BEGINNING DATE/TIME: **<enter>**
ENDING DATE/TIME: **<enter>**
OCCURRENCE COUNT: **<enter>**
COMPUTED FINDING PARAMETER: VA-REPLACE DEFINITION
Replace ... With **VA-CRC AVERAGE RISK** (No space before or after)
CONDITION: I V("STATUS")["DUE NOW" Replace **<enter>**
CONDITION CASE SENSITIVE: NO// **<enter>**
USE STATUS/COND IN SEARCH: **<enter>**

3. Modify the VA-CRC DIAGNOSTIC REMINDER DUE reminder term.

Begin in the Reminder Managers Menu

CF Reminder Computed Finding Management ...

RM Reminder Definition Management ...
 SM Reminder Sponsor Management ...
 TXM Reminder Taxonomy Management
 TRM Reminder Term Management ...
 LM Reminder Location List Management ...
 RX Reminder Exchange
 RT Reminder Test
 OS Other Supporting Menus ...
 INFO Reminder Information Only Menu ...
 DM Reminder Dialog Management ...
 CP CPRS Reminder Configuration ...
 RP Reminder Reports ...
 MST Reminders MST Synchronization Management ...
 PL Reminder Patient List Menu ...
 PAR Reminder Parameters ...
 VS NLM Value Set Menu
 ROC Reminder Order Check Menu ...
 CQM NLM Clinical Quality Measures Menu
 XM Reminder Extract Menu ...

Select Reminder Managers Menu <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **TRM Reminder Term Management**

TL List Reminder Terms
 TI Inquire about Reminder Term
 TE Add/Edit Reminder Term
 TC Copy Reminder Term
 TICS Integrity Check Selected
 TICA Integrity Check All
 TEST Term Test

Select Reminder Term Management <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **TE Add/Edit Reminder Term**

Select Reminder Term: **VA-CRC DIAGNOSTIC REMINDER DUE**

...OK? Yes// **Yes**

Choose from:

CF VA-REMINDER DEFINITION Finding # 1

Select Finding: **1** VA-REMINDER DEFINITION

Display help for CF.VA-REMINDER DEFINITION? **NO**

Editing Finding Number: 1

FINDING ITEM: VA-REMINDER DEFINITION// **<enter>**

BEGINNING DATE/TIME: **<enter>**

ENDING DATE/TIME: **<enter>**

OCCURRENCE COUNT: **<enter>**

COMPUTED FINDING PARAMETER: VA-REPLACE DEFINITION

Replace ... With **VA-CRC DIAGNOSTIC COLONOSCOPY** (No space before
or after)

CONDITION: I V("STATUS")["DUE NOW" Replace **<enter>**

CONDITION CASE SENSITIVE: NO// **<enter>**

USE STATUS/COND IN SEARCH: **<enter>**

4. Modify the VA-CRC FOLLOW UP REMINDER DUE SOON OR DUE NOW reminder term.

Begin in the Reminder Managers Menu

CF Reminder Computed Finding Management ...
RM Reminder Definition Management ...
SM Reminder Sponsor Management ...
TXM Reminder Taxonomy Management
TRM Reminder Term Management ...
LM Reminder Location List Management ...
RX Reminder Exchange
RT Reminder Test
OS Other Supporting Menus ...
INFO Reminder Information Only Menu ...
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PL Reminder Patient List Menu ...
PAR Reminder Parameters ...
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ROC Reminder Order Check Menu ...
CQM NLM Clinical Quality Measures Menu
XM Reminder Extract Menu ...

Select Reminder Managers Menu <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **TRM Reminder Term Management**

TL List Reminder Terms
TI Inquire about Reminder Term
TE Add/Edit Reminder Term
TC Copy Reminder Term
TICS Integrity Check Selected
TICA Integrity Check All
TEST Term Test

Select Reminder Term Management <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **TE Add/Edit Reminder Term**

Select Reminder Term: **VA-CRC FOLLOW UP REMINDER DUE SOON OR DUE NOW**
...OK? Yes// **Yes**

Choose from:

CF VA-REMINDER DEFINITION Finding # 1
Select Finding: **1** VA-REMINDER DEFINITION

Display help for CF.VA-REMINDER DEFINITION? **NO**
Editing Finding Number: 1
FINDING ITEM: VA-REMINDER DEFINITION// **<enter>**
BEGINNING DATE/TIME: **<enter>**

ENDING DATE/TIME: <enter>
 OCCURRENCE COUNT: <enter>
 COMPUTED FINDING PARAMETER: VA-REPLACE DEFINITION
 Replace ... With **VA-CRC FOLLOW UP COLONOSCOPY** (No space before
 or after)
 CONDITION: I V("STATUS")["DUE" Replace <enter>
 CONDITION CASE SENSITIVE: NO// <enter>
 USE STATUS/COND IN SEARCH: <enter>

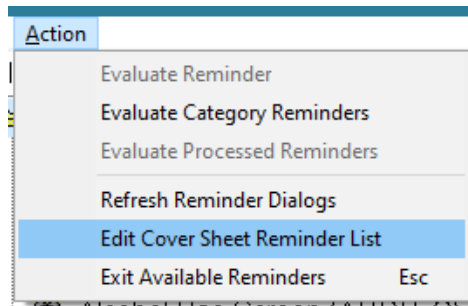
5. Add the new reminder definition to your CPRS cover sheet as coordinated with leadership.

The steps below describe how to add this clinical reminder to the CPRS cover sheet at the **SYSTEM** level. Follow local policies for assigning cover sheet reminders.

- a. On the CPRS cover sheet, select the clock icon



- b. Select ACTION > EDIT COVER SHEET REMINDER LIST



- c. Add the **Info Only: FIT Ordered: Remind Patient to Return (VA-CRC FIT TEST ORDERED NOT RETURNED)** definition to the SYSTEM level for your Cover Sheet

The steps below describe how to add this clinical reminder to the CPRS cover sheet at the **SYSTEM** level. Follow local policies for assigning cover sheet reminders.

The screenshot shows the 'Cover Sheet Reminders (Cumulative List)' window. The list includes various reminders such as 'Cervical Cancer Screening', 'PAP Smear Review Results', and 'Influenza Immunization'. A red arrow points to the 'System' level selection in the 'Select Cover Sheet Parameter Level to Display / Edit' section. Another red arrow points to the 'Info Only: FIT Ordered: Remind Patient to Return' reminder in the 'Available Reminders & Categories' list. A third red arrow points to the right arrow button in the 'System Level Reminders' list. A fourth red arrow points to the 'Apply' button at the bottom right.