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Cover Story

Essentris® 100% Deployed

Congratulations to the *Essentris®* Product Team on their recent full deployment of the military's inpatient documentation solution to all 59 Military Treatment Facilities. On April 25, eight months ahead of the Joint Strategic Plan goal, *Essentris®* Project Manager, Ms. Annette Jurkonie and a management team of engineers, trainers and other deployment subject matter experts completed full deployment of *Essentris®* along with emergency room capabilities - providing real time inpatient documentation for our service members and 9.6 million TRICARE® beneficiaries.



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The military's chosen inpatient documentation solution, *Essentris®*, helps MTFs eliminate the majority of paper-based documentation and increase clinical and administrative efficiency by providing real time documentation into various software modules. It also provides opportunities for process standardization in the Department of Defense and enhances health data sharing between the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. The system also contains a Global Data Repository, which allows for data trending and analysis. Other exciting benefits of the newly deployed inpatient solution include a Composite Health Care System interface which provides inbound lab results, enhanced provision of care for injured service members, decreased need for paper records, enhanced medical readiness and increased clinical and administrative efficiencies, all of which ultimately improve delivery of patient care.

Full deployment of an inpatient documentation capability marks only the beginning of several efforts underway by the *Essentris®* Product Team. For example, the next upgrade of *Essentris®* will provide a health data dictionary, notes and forms standardization, lab test display order standardization and an enterprise solution for the implementation of "Print to PDF." Additionally, two efforts specific to the National Capital Region include National Capital Region Federalization and a connection to the SmartSuites™ software program. Congratulations, to the *Essentris®* team for their tremendous efforts and a special thanks to the sites and our service representatives who made this goal a success!

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