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**DISCONTINUANCE OF COMPUTERIZED PATIENT RECORD SYSTEM (CPRS)
LIST MANAGER ENHANCEMENTS**

1. PURPOSE: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides for VHA-wide replacement of Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) List Manager Interface with CPRS Graphical User Interface (GUI), and discontinues enhancements to CPRS List Manager Interface.

2. BACKGROUND: The CPRS List Manager Interface is a character-based interface that was released with CPRS v1.0 in December 1997. During the past three years, it has been modified and minimally enhanced to maintain consistency with the CPRS GUI. However, functionality that was dependent upon features uniquely supported in a GUI environment has not been added to the CPRS List Manager Interface. CPRS List Manager Interface is hampering the use of new technologies and must be retired.

3. POLICY: It is VHA policy that as of November 30, 2000, List Manager-specific enhancements ceased.

4. ACTION

a. When there are enhancements made to infrastructure that are shared by both the CPRS List Manager and the CPRS GUI, enhancements must continue to be made to both interfaces.

b. The CPRS List Manager will also be impacted by enhancements to the Pharmacy Ordering, Lab Ordering, Time-Delayed Ordering, and Patient Look-up packages.

c. Conversely, when new functionality is added that does not impact shared infrastructure, enhancements will only be made to the CPRS GUI. Enhancements that will not be added to List Manager but are now (or will be) available in CPRS GUI include:

(1) Clinical Guidelines; i.e., on-line resolution of Clinical Reminder Dialogs.

(2) Graphing capabilities for vital signs and Laboratory data.

(3) Remote Data Views; i.e., the capability to retrieve report data from remote the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities.

(4) Addition of a Surgery Tab.

(5) Note sorting and searching features (tree-view).

(6) Template dialogs to assist in note creation.

d. The Office of Information has discontinued CPRS List Manager Interface-specific enhancements as of November 30, 2000.

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e. The Office of Information will discontinue all development support for the CPRS List Manager Interface on December 31, 2001.

NOTE: Facilities should assess the status of their infrastructure and ensure that appropriate budget and infrastructure plans are developed to fully implement the CPRS GUI on December 31, 2001.

5. REFERENCES: CPRS List Manager Interface, CPRS GUI.

6. RESPONSIBILITY: Associate Chief Information Officer, Technical Services (193B3) is the responsible for the contents this Directive.

7. RESCISSION: This VHA Directive expires March 31, 2006.

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