

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 2900-0770)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:

My HealtheVet (MHV) Website Redesign Veteran and Family Caregiver Focus Group

PURPOSE:

Human Factors Engineering (HFE) is currently in the pre-planning stages of a series of 3-4 focus groups (25-30 total participants). The purpose of these focus groups will be to gather feedback for the My HealtheVet website redesign effort. Based on the results of these sessions, a proposed high-level navigation and user interface (UI) design will be prepared. Additional sessions, either virtual or face-to-face, will define and validate increasingly detailed navigation and UI designs.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

The focus groups will include a total of 25-30 participants. Each focus group will include approximately 8-9 veterans and caregivers, recruited by the My HealtheVet project team. Recruited participants should represent a broad sampling of MHV users (i.e., varying age groups, genders, technology skills, use of VA services, medical conditions, etc.).

While a majority of the participants should be current MHV users, a small number of individuals should be non-users of MHV (not more than ¼ of a total group). Additionally, cognitively impaired participants (with PTSD and/or TBI) should be included to ensure the dashboard design works well for them (not more than ¼ of a total group).

Demographics will be collected as part of the recruiting effort in order to save time during the session for more meaningful activities. These demographics will include age, gender, technology use, mobile use, DS Logon account type (if any), current MHV user, tasks performed on MHV, and perceived barriers to technology use. This information will be collected via an online questionnaire to minimize burden on the MHV coordinators.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Focus Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.

- The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

- Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? Yes No
- If Yes, will any information that is collected be included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? Yes No
- If Yes, has an up-to-date System of Records Notice (SORN) been published? Yes No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? Yes No

BURDEN HOURS

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time (× minutes =)	Burden (÷ 60 =)
Individuals – Demographic Survey	27	x 5 = 135	2.25 hours
Individuals – Focus Group Session	27	x 180 = 4860	81.00 hours
Totals	27	x 185 = 4995	83.25 hours

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is **\$17,484.**

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

- Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
 Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan). If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The MHV Coordinators at the following VA Medical Centers have been contacted and asked to recruit 8-10 focus group participants.

- Washington, DC
- Baltimore, MD
- Richmond, VA
- Martinsburg, WV
- Wilkes-Barre, PA

Depending on the success of this recruitment effort, specific VA Medical Centers will be selected as the sites of the focus group sessions.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)

Web-based or other forms of Social Media

Telephone

In-person. MHV Redesign Moderator Guide and MHV Redesign Participant Activity Book, both attached.

Mail

Other, Explain. A web-based demographic survey will be sent via email to each selected focus group participant prior to the in-person focus group sessions.

2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? Yes No

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Generic Information Collection Submissions for “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery”

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Informatics and Analytics (OIA) and the Human Factors Engineering office (HFE) seek to obtain OMB approval of a generic clearance to collect qualitative feedback from Veterans and family caregivers on a proposed redesign of the My Health eVet (MHV) website.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

This collection of information, in the form of a customer survey and Veteran Focus Group sessions, is necessary to help the MHV program ensure that its users have an effective, efficient, and satisfying experience. This feedback will provide insights into customer satisfaction and focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in the MHV website can improve delivery of products and services.

3. Consideration Given to Information Technology

Initial demographic survey information will be collected from respondents in the form of an email message and an online (web based) survey response.

4. Duplication of Information

No similar data are gathered or maintained by the OIA or HFE or are available from other sources known to these agencies.

5. Reducing the Burden on Small Entities

There will be no small business involvement in this information collection event.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection

Without end user input into the redesign of the My Health eVet program and website, we cannot be assured that the resultant software product will meet the needs of Veterans and family caregivers.

7. Special Circumstances

There are no special circumstances. The information collected will be voluntary and will not be used for statistical purposes.

8. Consultations with Persons outside the Agency

No public comments were solicited or revived.

9. Payment or Gift

No payment has been authorized for respondents.

10. Confidentiality

Participants and their feedback will be identified using unique IDs that are in no way related to their personally identifiable information. During the session, the facilitator will explain the process of data collection and assure the participants of their anonymity. The facilitator will also gather permission for recording.

11. Sensitive Nature

No questions will be asked that are of a personal or sensitive nature.

12. Burden of Information Collection

The instruments used to collect information will result in a one-time burden of hours totaling approximately 83.25 hours as described in the table below.

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13. Costs to Respondents

No costs are anticipated to the respondents.

14. Costs to Federal Government

The anticipated cost to the Federal Government is approximately **\$17,484** annually. These costs include preparation, execution and travel costs for government and contract staff.

15. Reason for Change

Not applicable. This is a new request for a generic clearance.

16. Tabulation of Results, Schedule, and Analysis Plans

There are no plans to publish the information collected on any of the forms.

17. Display of OMB Approval Date

We are not seeking approval to omit the expiration date for the OMB approval from our Focus Group instruments.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

There are no such exceptions.

B. Collection of Information employing Statistical Methods

This collection of information does not employ statistical methods.

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Focus Group: My HealtheVet Redesign

Moderator Guide

Veterans Health Administration

Human Factors Engineering

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How to Use this Moderator Guide

The purpose of document is to provide the moderator with the script, tools and materials necessary to successfully complete the facilitation of the focus groups to gather input for My Health_eVet overarching portal design and functionality/features improvement.

Session Timing Aide

The following table is provided as a timing guide in order to ensure that all activities can be completed in the total time allotted (180 minutes; 3 hours total, with a 10 minute break).

Time	Activity Start Times		Item
	On Hour	On Half Hour	
5 min	:00	:30	Introduction
10 min	:05	:35	Ice Breaker - Get it Off the Chest
25 min	:15	:45	Activity #1 - Card Sort: Primary Features & Content
15 min	:40	:10	Activity #2 - First Impressions: Opening Screen
15 min	:55	:25	Activity #3 - Show Me: New Login
20 min	:10	:40	Activity #4 - Walkthrough: View Lab Results in Blue Button
10 min	:30	:00	Break
20 min	:40	:10	Activity #5 - First Impressions: Home/Dashboard
20 min	:00	:30	Activity #6 - Walkthrough: Print Upcoming Appointments
20 min	:20	:50	Activity #7 - Design Inspection: Prescription Refill List
10 min	:40	:10	Follow Up Questions (open for questions from HFE; this also acts as a session “buffer” in the event that any one portion runs long)
10 min	:50	:20	Closing (includes feedback/participation surveys and time for participants to complete their book, if necessary)

Table 1. Recommended Session Agenda & Timing Aid

Room Set Up & Greeting Participants

If possible, set the room up with desks/tables in a “u” shaped fashion such that participants can easily see and speak to each other. Seat the moderator near the front of the room, with the participants, not in the center or near the back, and leave an empty seat next to the moderator for the “Show Me” activities.

Observers/recorders should not be seated in the “u” with the participants and moderator, but should position themselves at desks/tables in an unobtrusive location outside the “u”. Set up should also include connecting and testing the projector, determining where to project (if no screen is provided) and locating light switches so lights can be dimmed when needed.

As each participant arrives:

1. Greet the participant.
2. Check them off of the roll call sheet.
 - a. If the participant has not completed the demographic survey, provide them with a survey. Mark it with their participant ID and ask them to have a seat to complete the survey and return it to you before proceeding.
3. Provide the participant with a name card, a pen and an Activity Book. On the Activity Book cover, write the participant’s ID number for future identification of their individual feedback provided in the book.
4. Ask the participant to please write only their first name on both sides of the name card and display it at the front of their desk space when they have a seat.
 - a. Provide a marker for writing names.
5. Ask the participant to select a seat and make themselves comfortable.

Session Script

Introduction (5 minutes)

The session today will focus on VA's patient portal website, also known as My HealtheVet. My HealtheVet was designed for Veterans, active duty Service Members, their dependents and caregivers. It helps you partner with your health care team by providing you information and tools to make informed decisions and manage your health care. As you may know, My HealtheVet has been around for about ten (10) years. The VA is preparing to make quite a few revisions and enhancements to it, and has been gathering feedback from Veterans like you to inform the changes. We have reviewed the feedback gathered to date and have prepared some ideas to address a number of the concerns that we have heard. Our session today will focus on gathering your feedback on how well these new designs address Veteran needs.

Many of you probably already use My HealtheVet. If you don't, that's ok too. We would like to thank you for participating today. We rely heavily on volunteers such as you to make the VA's systems better for Veterans. We have representatives from VA's Human Factors Engineering office who will be observing today and taking notes. At the end of the session, time permitting, I may open up the floor for follow up questions from them. But, until then, you will be interacting only with each other and me.

The session today will last no longer than 3 hours. We will have a 10 minute break in the middle of the session to use the restroom and check messages. Until then, we would appreciate if you would avoid using your mobile devices, if you have any, and place them on silent.

The session today is broken down into a series of quick activities discussing various aspects of the proposed redesign for My HealtheVet. You each have a "Participant Activity Book" to follow along and provide your individual feedback. The session will move quickly and will require your undivided attention to each activity. So, **please do not work ahead of the group.**

After the activities, we may wrap up with questions from HFE regarding your feedback on the topics discussed today. We will close the session with a questionnaire to gather your feedback on the session.

Your participation is completely voluntary and you may withdraw at any time. All of the information that you provide will be kept confidential, and your name will not be associated with the feedback that you provide, verbally or via your Activity Book. In order to compile your feedback with other participants in this study, we would like to record the session.

Question: Does anyone object to recording?

OK, we will start recording now.

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Now that we are recording, for our records, I would like to confirm that we have your permission to record your voice. Does anyone object to recording? Thank you.

Question: Does anyone have any questions before we get started?

Ice Breaker: Get it Off the Chest (10 minutes)

We are going to start off with an ice breaker activity to get to know each other by sharing your interests in participating today. Please flip to **page 4** of your Activity Book for a worksheet on this exercise. In a moment, I will call on you one at a time. When I call on you, please introduce yourself. Then, based on your thoughts when you agreed to participate today, tell us about the most important feedback that you hoped to share with the VA. Each of you will have only a couple of minutes to share. You can feel free to provide more details to our team by writing those thoughts down in your Activity Book on **page 4**.

[Moderator: Call on each participant, by first name, in a “round robin” fashion and pose the question above. Allow each participant 1-2 minutes to provide their answer.]



The image shows a worksheet titled "Ice Breaker: Get It Off Your Chest" from the VA and HFE. The page includes the VA and HFE logos at the top. Below the title, there is a task instruction: "Task: When the moderator calls on you, introduce yourself to the group by providing your full name and then answering the following question. You will have 1-2 minutes to share with the group. Use the space below to share any other feedback that you are not able to say." The main question is "What is the most important feedback you hoped to share with the VA during the session today?" followed by several horizontal lines for writing. Below that, there is a section titled "Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:" followed by more horizontal lines. At the bottom of the page, there is a small footer with the text "© 2018 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. All rights reserved." and a page number "4".

Activity Book Page 4: Ice Breaker

Activity #1 – Card Sort: Primary Features & Content (25 minutes)

[Moderator: While you are reading the introduction to this activity, ask a team member to hand out the sets of index cards and stack of sticky notes to each of the participants.]

We are interested in how you think about the content and features available on My HealtheVet. In this activity, we will learn more about how you would organize and group these items.

One of my team members is providing each of you with a set of index cards and a small pad of sticky notes. On each index card, a type of content or a feature is listed. I'd like to ask you to use the next **10 minutes** to separate the cards into groups that represent content and features that you would expect to appear together on the My HealtheVet web site. When you are finished, use the sticky notes to label each of your groups and then answer the question found on **page 5** in your Activity Book. After about **15 minutes**, we will discuss your work as a group.

Activity #1

We are interested in how you think about the content and features available on My HealtheVet. In this activity, we will learn more about how you would organize and group these items.

Task: The moderator will provide you with a set of index cards and a small pad of sticky notes. On each index card, a type of content or feature is listed. Using the next 10 minutes, separate the cards into groups that represent content and features that you would expect to appear together on the My HealtheVet web site. When you are finished, use the sticky notes to label each of your groups and then answer the following question. After about 15 minutes, we will discuss your work as a group.

Please list the labels for each of the groups that you created. For each, please explain why you grouped your cards together in this fashion and why you chose the label:

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:

Activity Book Pages 5-6: Activity #1

Okay everyone; let's talk about how you grouped the cards. We are specifically interested in your groups – not each individual card, but how you bundled them together and for what reason. We are going to collect your cards and labels, so we will be able to see all of the details.

Probing Questions: Who would like to share how they grouped and why? Did anyone group differently? Why?

*[Moderator: For the sake of time, please avoid allowing participants to list out each grouping and the specific cards in each group. Instead, encourage participants to discuss the groupings as a whole and their thought process surrounding **why** they grouped certain items together.]*

Thank you for your Feedback. We are going to move on to Activity #2, which covers the opening screen of My HealtheVet.

[Moderator: As you move on to the next activity, ask a team member to collect the index cards from each participant. For each set, staple the cards together with the sticky note listing the label. Then place the set in an envelope marked with the participant's ID.]

Activity #2 – First Impressions: Opening Screen (15 minutes)

We will take the next couple minutes to do an activity in your book and then discuss as a group. Please direct your attention to your Activity Book. Flip to **page 7** and use the next **2 minutes** to complete **Activity #2 on your own**. When you are finished, we will spend a few minutes discussing as a group.

[Moderator: Probe participants individually, as needed, to ensure that they were able to find the activity and are working successfully in the activity book.]

Activity #2:
The following graphic depicts a potential new design for the main screen for My HealthVet:

Task: Review the screen design above and then answer the following questions. Spend no more than 2-3 minutes total. We will discuss your responses as a group, but are interested in your individual feedback.

How does this design make you feel about My HealthVet? Please list the first three feelings, thoughts or impressions that come to mind:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In your opinion, would this design make you more or less likely to use My HealthVet?

More Likely
 No Change
 Less Likely

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:

Activity Book Pages 7-8: Activity #2

Okay everyone; let's talk about your responses. *[Moderator: Display the current design on the screen.]*

Probing Question: Who would like to share their first impressions of the opening screen?

Probing Question: Does this design make you more or less likely to use My HealthVet? If you are a current user, how does it compare with the current design?

[Moderator: Be prepared to display the current design on the screen, if needed.]

Thank you for your Feedback. We are going to move on to Activity #3, which covers the Login features of My HealthVet.

Activity #3 – Show Me: New Login (15 minutes)

In this activity, we are going to look at a prototype of a potential new design for the login features for My HealtheVet. For this activity, I need a volunteer to sit here next to me and drive the prototype using my computer. Any takers?

[Moderator: Identify a volunteer to interact with the prototype and ask them to relocate to the seat next to you.]

Thank you for volunteering! You don't need to do anything yet. In a moment, I'm going to ask you to use the prototype to login to My HealtheVet. As you work, please "think out loud" as you are presented with the screens. In other words, I'd like for you to give us all a "blow by blow" of what you are thinking as you work. For example, explain why you are clicking on the elements that you are clicking on, why you are entering the information that you enter and what is going through your head as you work. It may be a bit awkward at first but it's really very easy once you get used to it. Basically, we'd like any thought that comes into your head to come out your mouth. For example, if I were driving to work I might say as I get in my car, "I'm opening the car door and sitting down, my seat really hot from sitting in the sun...I should put it in the shade tomorrow. I'm putting on my seat belt; I don't want to get hurt if I'm in an accident. I'm turning the ignition. I'm almost out of gas, I need to remember to get some tonight on my way home. I'm looking behind me before I reverse to make sure no one's in the alley; there are a lot of kids walking to school sometimes and that makes me nervous."

Question: Does that make sense?

All of you all will be able to see what *[insert volunteer first name]* is doing on the projector here. As *[insert volunteer first name]* works, please feel free to make notes on how you would work differently by using **page 9** in your Activity Book. But, please refrain from interrupting *[him/her]*. When *[he/she]* is done, we will discuss your thoughts about this prototype as a group.

Question: Does anyone have any questions before *[insert volunteer first name]* gets started?

Activity #4 – Walkthrough: View Lab Results in Blue Button (20 minutes)

In this activity, we are going to walk through a prototype of a potential new design for part of the VA's Blue Button feature. Blue Button allows you to view, print or download all of the personal health information currently available in your My Health_eVet account. This includes labs, appointments, prescriptions and other medical records as well as DOD military service information. In this walkthrough, we are going to be focusing on viewing and interpreting lab results.

I would like each of you to think about a situation when you have recently had lab work completed and you were interested in viewing those results online. We are going to rotate through the room in a “round robin” fashion as we walk through the prototype to view and interpret lab results. When I call on you, please explain the action that you would take next based on whatever is currently displayed on the screen. For each action and screen, we will discuss as a group. During this activity, please use the space provided on **page 11** in your Activity Book to provide us with your notes on how you would use this feature.

Activity #4

In this activity, we are going to walk through a prototype of a potential new design for part of the VA's Blue Button feature. Blue Button allows you to view, print or download all of the personal health information currently available in your My Health_eVet account. This includes labs, appointments, prescriptions and other medical records as well as DOD military service information. In this walkthrough, we are going to be focusing on viewing and interpreting lab results.

Task: We are going to rotate through the room as we walk through the prototype. When the moderator calls on each person, the individual will contribute to the walkthrough by explaining the action that they would take next. For each action and screen, we will discuss as a group. During this activity, please use the space below to provide us with your notes on how you would use this feature.

How would you use this prototype?

Do you currently use Blue Button on the My Health_eVet web site?

Yes

No

I don't remember

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:

Activity Book Pages 11-12: Activity #4

[Moderator: Display the dashboard homepage on the screen. Begin with the person on your right and ask the person what they would do to access their most recent lab results. Make the corresponding action based on their response. Ask the probing questions below for each speaker and then proceed to the next person.]

Probing Question (for the speaker): Is this what you expected (to see/to happen)?

Probing Question (for the group): Did anyone expect something different? Would anyone have done anything differently?



Break

Thank you for your feedback. **We are now going to take a 10 minute break.**

The time is now *[read time]*. We will get started again promptly at *[current time plus 10 minutes]*.

When we return, we are going to move on to Activity #5, where you will get to review and provide feedback on the new dashboard style homepage for accessing all of your My HealtheVet features.

Activity #5 – First Impressions: Home/Dashboard (20 minutes)

We will take the next couple minutes to do an activity in your book and then discuss as a group. Please direct your attention to your Activity Book. Flip to **page 13** and use the next **2 minutes** to complete **Activity #5 on your own**. When you are finished, we will spend a few minutes discussing as a group.

[Moderator: Probe participants individually, as needed, to ensure that they were able to find the activity and are working successfully in the activity book.]

Activity #5

The following graphic depicts a potential new design for the home page after you login to My HealthVet:

Task: Review the screen design above and then answer the following questions. Spend no more than 2-3 minutes total. We will discuss your responses as a group, but are interested in your individual feedback.

On the graphic above, please mark the first three things you would interact with by providing a number in a circle (e.g., ①, ② or ③) with an arrow to the item. For each, please explain how you expect that item to work:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Is there anything missing from the design that you think should be added? If so, please describe:

In your opinion, would this design make you more or less likely to use My HealthVet?

More Likely

No Change

Less Likely

In your opinion, would this design make it easier or more difficult to access the features that you use the most (or would use the most, if you are not currently using My HealthVet)?

Yes, it would make it easier for me to access the features I use most.

It would not change the effort to access the features I use most.

No, it would make it harder for me to access the features I use most.

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:

Activity Book Pages 13-14: Activity #5

Okay everyone; let's talk about your responses. *[Moderator: Display the design on the screen.]*

Probing Question: Who would like to share their impressions of this design?

Probing Question: Does this design make you more or less likely to use My HealthVet? If you are a current user, how does it compare with the current design?

[Moderator: Be prepared to display the current design on the screen, if needed.]

Probing Question: If you are a current user, would this design make it easier or more difficult to access the features that you use the most?

Thank you for your feedback. We are going to move on to Activity #6, which covers another feature of My HealthVet.

Activity #6 – Walkthrough: Print Upcoming Appointments (20 minutes)

In this activity, we are going to do another walkthrough like the one we completed before the break. This time, we are going to be looking at a prototype of a potential new design for part of the VA's Appointment features. We are going to be focusing on the ability to view and print past and upcoming appointments.

I would like each of you to think about a situation when you were interested in viewing or printing your appointments using My HealtheVet. As before, we are going to rotate through the room in a “round robin” fashion as we walk through the prototype to view and print appointments. When I call on you, please explain the action that you would take next based on whatever is currently displayed on the screen. For each action and screen, we will discuss as a group. During this activity, please use the space provided on **page 15** in your Activity Book to provide us with your notes on how you would use this feature.

Activity #6

In this activity, we are going to walk through a prototype of a potential new design for part of the VA's Appointment features. We are going to be focusing on the ability to view and print past and upcoming appointments.

Task: We are going to walk through the room as we walk through the prototype. When the moderator calls on each person, the individual will contribute to the walkthrough by explaining the action that the moderator asks. For each action and screen, we will discuss as a group. During this activity, please use the space below to provide us with your notes on how you would use this feature.

How would you use this prototype?

Do you currently use appointment features on the My HealtheVet web site?

Yes

No

I don't remember

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:

Activity Book Pages 15-16: Activity #6

[Moderator: Display the dashboard homepage on the screen. Begin with the person to the right of the last person to contribute to the lab results walkthrough. Ask the person what they would do to view their appointments. Make the corresponding action based on their response. Ask the probing questions below for each speaker and then proceed to the next person.]

Probing Question (for the speaker): Is this what you expected (to see/to happen)?

Probing Question (for the group): Did anyone expect something different? Would anyone have done anything differently?

Thank you for your feedback. We are going to move on to Activity #7, which covers the last feature of My HealtheVet that we will be looking at today.

Activity #7 – Design Inspection: Prescription Refill List (20 minutes)

We will take the next couple minutes to do an activity in your book and then discuss as a group. Please direct your attention to your Activity Book. Flip to **page 17** and use the next **3 minutes** to complete **Activity #7 on your own**. When you are finished, we will spend a few minutes discussing as a group.

[Moderator: Probe participants individually, as needed, to ensure that they were able to find the activity and are working successfully in the activity book.]

Activity #7

The following graphic depicts a potential new design for viewing your prescriptions on MyHealthVet:

Task! Review the screen design above and then answer the following questions. Spend no more than 2-3 minutes total. We will discuss your responses as a group, but we're interested in your individual feedback.

On the graphic above, please mark the first three things you find confusing by providing number in a circle (e.g., ① and ②). For each, please explain why you feel it is confusing.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Which prescription will expire first?

What is the earliest date that you can order a refill of Simvastatin?

Which prescription is ready for you to pick it up?

When can you expect to receive the refill you ordered for Omeprazole?

In your opinion, would this design make you more or less likely to use My HealthVet?

More Likely

No Change

Less Likely

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:

Activity Book Pages 17-18: Activity #7

Okay everyone; let's talk about your responses. *[Moderator: Display the design on the screen.]*

Probing Question: Who would like to share their thoughts about this design?

[Moderator: Probe participants specifically regarding language and labels used on the screen (e.g., statuses; VA meds and non-VA meds/self-entered).]

Probing Question: Does this design make you more or less likely to use My HealthVet? If you currently use this feature, how does it compare with the current design?

[Moderator: Be prepared to display the current design on the screen, if needed.]

Follow Up Questions from HFE (15 minutes) **TIME PERMITTING**

That was our last activity. We will now open the floor for follow up questions from VA's Human Factors Engineering team.

Closing (10 minutes)

[Moderator: While reading the text below, ask a team member to pass out the feedback and participation survey.]

That brings us to the end of the session. Thank you for your participation, candor and feedback. We are now passing out a follow up survey with some specific questions on today's panel as well as your experience overall. We welcome any feedback on how we can make things better for future panels.

When you are finished with the survey, you may use any remaining time to provide any final feedback in your Activity Book. A blank sheet is provided at the end of the book (on **page 19**) for this purpose. You may also feel free to flip back to any other portion of the book to provide more feedback in any area. When you are finished, please turn in your Activity Book to me before you leave.

Thank you and have a great week.

Demographics Questionnaire

This questionnaire will be distributed by the recruiters via SurveyMonkey prior to the session. Those participants who do not complete it in advance will be asked to complete it in paper form as part of the check in process.

1. Gender: Male Female
2. Age Range: 18 – 39 40 – 59 60 or older
3. Do you currently use VA healthcare services? Yes No
4. Are you a caregiver for a Veteran currently using VA healthcare service? Yes No
5. If “Yes”, do you use your Veteran’s My HealtheVet account?
 Yes
 No, I have my own account.
 No, my Veteran does not have a My HealtheVet account.
6. Do you have a My HealtheVet account? Yes No
7. If “Yes”, what “level” of account do you have?
 Basic
 Advanced
 Premium
 I Don’t Know
 Not Applicable (I don’t have an account.)
8. If “Yes”, do you use any of the following features? Please select all that apply.
 Appointment
 Prescription Refills
 Downloading Medical Records (Blue Button)
 Secure Messaging
 Other: _____
 Not Applicable (I don’t have an account.)
9. When you use the Internet, what device do you use most of the time?
 Laptop or Desktop Computer
 Mobile Phone
 Tablet Device
 Gaming System
10. Do you use apps on a mobile device (e.g., smartphone or tablet)? Yes No

11. Do you use any apps provided by the VA? Yes No
12. If “Yes”, which apps?
13. How would you describe your use of technology (in general)?
- Beginner
 - Advanced Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced Intermediate
 - Expert
14. If you are being treated for a cognitive disorder (including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury), do you feel that your condition affects your ability to use technology (including web sites and/or mobile apps)?
- Does not affect my use of technology
 - Mildly affects my use of technology
 - Affects my use of technology
 - Significantly affects my use of technology
 - Prevents my ability to use technology most of the time
 - Not Applicable (I am not being treated for a cognitive disorder or I prefer not to answer.)
15. Do you require any assistive technologies when using a computer? Yes No
16. If “Yes”, please describe:

Closing Survey

The following survey will be administered to the participants at the end of each session.

Thank you for your participation in our study. It was a pleasure to work with you, and we really appreciate your time. In an effort to continually improve how studies are conducted by Human Factors Engineering, we would like your feedback on the session carried out by the team today.

1. The Human Factors team sufficiently explained the purpose of the session and my role as a study participant.
 - Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

Any comments? _____

2. I feel the Human Factors team considered and understood the input I provided during this session.
 - Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

Any comments? _____

3. The Human Factors team planned and carried out this session so that my time was well utilized.
 - Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral

- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Any comments? _____

4. Overall, I am highly satisfied with how this session was carried out by the Human Factors team.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Any comments? _____

5. We are dedicated to providing you the best possible experience. If you have identified areas where we need to improve, could we contact you to discuss further? This is completely voluntary. If you are willing to be contacted, please include your contact information below. Thank you.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

6. Are you interested in participating in future studies to help the VA build better software products for Veterans, Caregivers and Providers? For example, testing VA online tools such as mobile apps and websites?

- Yes. If “Yes”, please complete the remaining questions in this questionnaire.
- No

7. I am a:

- Clinician
- Veteran
- Family Caregiver

8. Full name and Title: _____

9. Email (if not provided above): _____

10. Phone (if not provided above): _____

11. Select your test location preference(s):

- Remote (must have computer, high speed internet, phone and a quiet location for test session)
- In person, on site (please specify VA Medical Facility): _____

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How to Use this Activity Book

This “Activity Book” is intended to be used by you during the focus group session. You will use it during the session to follow along with the activities and provide your individual feedback. The session will move quickly and will require your undivided attention to each activity. So, **please do not work ahead of the group.**

Because the session will move quickly, you can feel free to provide additional comments or feedback in the book after the session before you turn it in to the moderator. A blank sheet is provided at the end of the book (on page 19) for this purpose.

The VA’s Human Factors Engineering office is conducting this session today. It will focus on VA’s patient portal website, known as My HealtheVet. My HealtheVet was designed for Veterans, active duty Service Members, their dependents and caregivers. It helps you partner with your health care team by providing you information and tools to make informed decisions and manage your health care. As you may know, My HealtheVet has been around for about ten (10) years. The VA is preparing to make quite a few revisions and enhancements to it, and has been gathering feedback from Veterans like you to inform the changes. We have reviewed the feedback gathered to date and have prepared some ideas to address a number of the concerns that we have heard. Our session today will focus on gathering your feedback on how well these new designs address Veteran needs. HFE would like to thank you for participating today. We rely heavily on volunteers such as you to make the VA’s systems better for Veterans.

Activity #2

The following graphic depicts a potential new design for the main screen for My HealthVet:



Task: Review the screen design above and then answer the following questions. Spend no more than 2-3 minutes total. We will discuss your responses as a group, but are interested in your individual feedback.

Activity #3

In this activity, we are going to look at a prototype of a potential new design for the login features for My Health_eVet. For this activity, a volunteer will drive the prototype using the moderator’s computer. If you are not the volunteer, please do not interrupt him/her as he/she works.

Task: Instead, please use the space below to keep your notes on how you would do things differently from our volunteer. Please also answer the question provided below. When our volunteer is finished using the prototype, we will discuss your thoughts about this prototype as a group.

What would you do differently than our volunteer?

Which of the following sets of credentials (login options) would be most useful or applicable to you? (Please select all that apply.)

- My Health_eVet
- DSLogin
- PIV CARD
- CAC Card
- Norton Symantec
- USAA
- Federal Cloud
- None of these. I suggest allowing me to use: _____

Activity #4

In this activity, we are going to walk through a prototype of a potential new design for part of the VA’s Blue Button feature. Blue Button allows you to view, print or download all of the personal health information currently available in your My HealthVet account. This includes labs, appointments, prescriptions and other medical records as well as DOD military service information. In this walkthrough, we are going to be focusing on viewing and interpreting lab results.

Task: We are going to rotate through the room as we walk through the prototype. When the moderator calls on each person, the individual will contribute to the walkthrough by explaining the action that they would take next. For each action and screen, we will discuss as a group. During this activity, please use the space below to provide us with your notes on how you would use this feature.

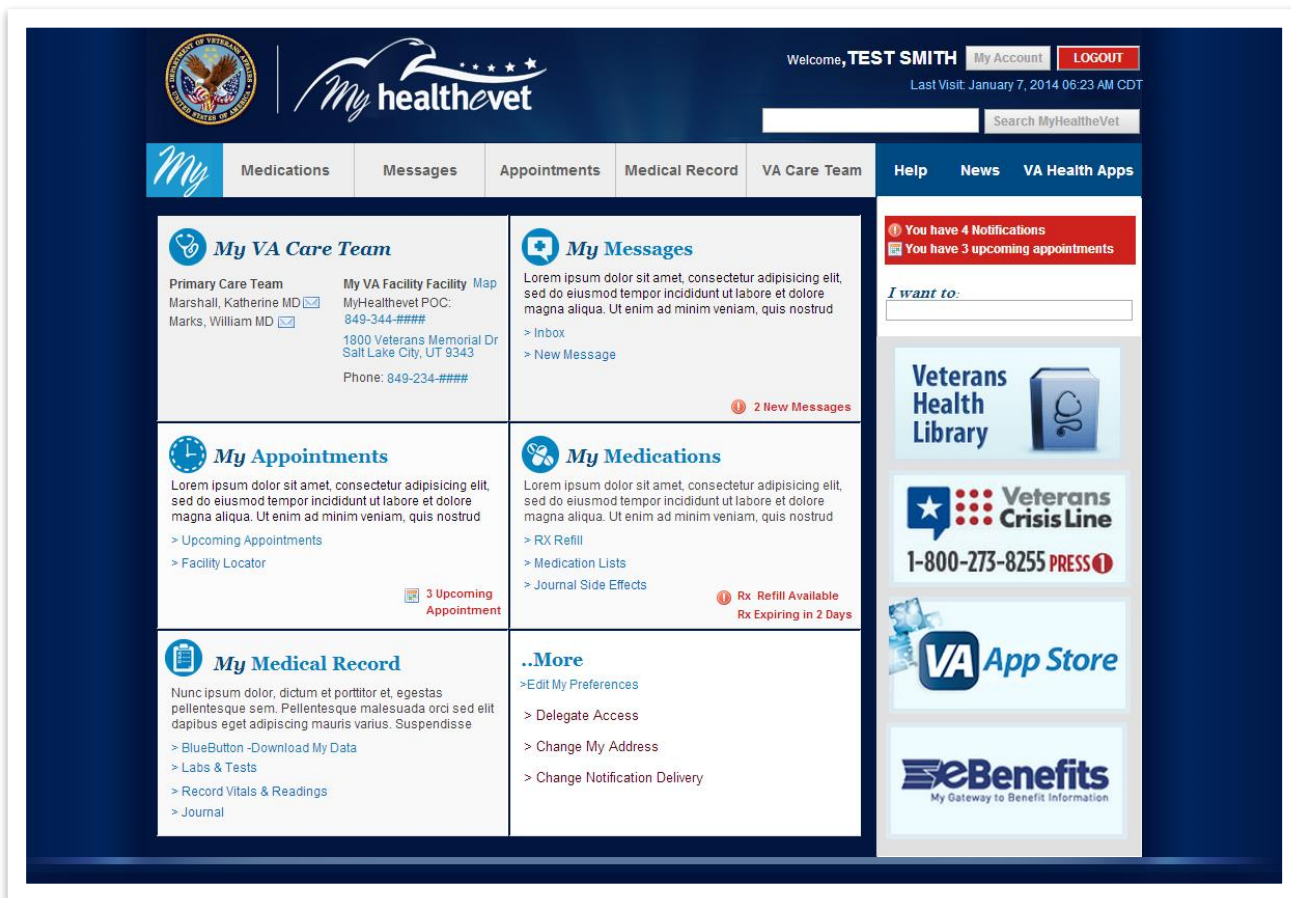
How would you use this prototype?

Do you currently use Blue Button on the My HealthVet web site?

- Yes
- No
- I don’t remember

Activity #5

The following graphic depicts a potential new design for the home page after you login to My HealthVet:



Task: Review the screen design above and then answer the following questions. Spend no more than 2-3 minutes total. We will discuss your responses as a group, but are interested in your individual feedback.

On the graphic above, please mark the first three things you would interact with by providing a number in a circle (e.g., ①, ② or ③) with an arrow to the item. For each, please explain how you expect that item to work:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Is there anything missing from the design that you think should be added? If so, please describe:

In your opinion, would this design make you more or less likely to use My HealtheVet?

- More Likely
- No Change
- Less Likely

In your opinion, would this design make it easier or more difficult to access the features that you use the most (or would use the most, if you are not currently using My HealtheVet)?

- Yes, it would **make it easier** for me to access the features I use most.
- It would **not change** the effort to access the features I use most.
- No, it would **make it harder** for me to access the features I use most.

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:

Activity #7

The following graphic depicts a potential new design for viewing your prescriptions on My Health_eVet:

Refill Prescription Information
(Active Prescriptions of TEST MHVZZVISNTWENTY)
Last updated [07/25/2014 at 0909]

[Help](#) | [Printer Friendly](#)

If you requested a VA Rx Refill, before you go to the next page of your list of medications, you must select the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the page. If you fail to do this your Rx Refill will not go through.

4 items found, displaying all items

Refill Status	Refill Submit Date	Fill Date	Refills Remaining	Prescription	Facility	Select to Refill
Refill in Process	2/25/2014	2/26/2014	2	ASPIRIN 81MG EC TAB RX#3656904	JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL VA MEDICAL CENTER	
Refill in Process	2/25/2014	2/26/2014	2	BUSPIRONE HCL 5MG TAB RX#3656905	JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL VA MEDICAL CENTER	
Refill in Process	2/25/2014	2/26/2014	2	LISINOPRIL 10MG TABLET RX#3656906	JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL VA MEDICAL CENTER	
Refill in Process	2/25/2014	2/26/2014	2	HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE 25MG TAB RX#3656907	JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL VA MEDICAL CENTER	

4 items found, displaying all items

Health Tip
Please reorder only the prescriptions that you are currently using. If you have an active prescription for something which you no longer need or use, please do not request additional refills and ask your physician to cancel the prescription during your next outpatient visit.

Notifications: You have 4 Notifications, You have 3 upcoming appointments

I want to: [Search bar]

Veterans Health Library

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

VA App Store

eBenefits
My Gateway to Benefit Information

Task: Review the screen design above and then answer the following questions. Spend no more than 2-3 minutes total. We will discuss your responses as a group, but are interested in your individual feedback.

On the graphic above, please mark the first three things you find confusing by providing a number in a circle (e.g., ①, ② and ③). For each, please explain why you feel it is confusing:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Which prescription will expire first?

What is the earliest date that you can order a refill of Simvastatin?

Which prescription is ready for you to pick it up?

When can you expect to receive the refill you ordered for Omeprazole?

In your opinion, would this design make you more or less likely to use My Health_eVet?

- More Likely
- No Change
- Less Likely

Use the space below to provide any additional feedback on this topic:
