



**Update \_2\_0\_235**

**Clinical Reminders**

**VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS**

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# Introduction

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## DESCRIPTION:

The VHA Dementia Warning Signs Template should be used at any site for documenting observed or reported dementia warning signs and documenting the initiation of, or referral for, a dementia workup.

The template is intended for use by VA clinical staff primarily in primary care settings, i.e., Patient-Aligned Care Teams (PACT), Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC), Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC), and Geriatric Patient Aligned Care Teams (Geri-PACT).

When primary care team members observe dementia warning signs or have dementia warning signs reported to them for one of their patients, they should open the national VHA Dementia Warning Signs Template to document the observed or reported dementia warning signs and to document their initiation of a dementia workup, including referral(s) to specialty care providers as needed.

This template is to be used ONLY when warning signs have been identified.

Please note: The presence of dementia warning signs does not mean the patient has dementia. However, an evaluation is recommended.

Thank you to the following test sites who installed and tested this reminder update:

East Orange  
Cleveland  
San Diego  
Black Hills

UPDATE\_2\_0\_235 contains 1 Reminder Exchange entry: UPDATE\_2\_0\_235 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS with the following components:

## TIU TEMPLATE FIELD

- 1 VA-BLANK IN PN TEXT
- 2 VA-DWS FIREARM SAFETY CLINICIAN LINK
- 3 VA-DWS FIREARM SAFETY LINK
- 4 VA-WORD PROCESS
- 5 VA-BLANK SP
- 6 VA-CLINICIAN FACT SHEET DCI
- 7 VA-NCP PREVENTATIVE SERVICES GUIDANCE LINK
- 8 VA-DEMENTIA STEERING COMMITTEE LINK

## HEALTH FACTORS

- 9 VA-REMINDER UPDATES [C]
- 10 VA-UPDATE\_2\_0\_235
- 11 VA-DEMENTIA REPORTED BY [C]
- 12 VA-DEMENTIA REPORTED BY

- 13 VA-DEMENTIA OTHER CONCERNS [C]
- 14 VA-DWS GUN UTD
- 15 VA-DWS GUN NO
- 16 VA-DWS GUN
- 17 VA-DWS DRIVE UTD
- 18 VA-DWS DRIVE NO
- 19 VA-DWS DRIVE
- 20 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS [C]
- 21 VA-DWS OTHER WARNING SIGNS
- 22 VA-DWS SELF CARE
- 23 VA-DWS CONFUSED
- 24 VA-DWS DIRECTIONS
- 25 VA-DWS LOST
- 26 VA-DWS ASK SAME QUESTIONS
- 27 VA-DWS FAILS TO FOLLOW
- 28 VA-DWS FORGETFUL
- 29 VA-DWS UNKEMPT
- 30 VA-DWS APPOINTMENT
- 31 VA-DWS REPORT [C]
- 32 VA-DWS COMPLETED
- 33 VA-DWS FOLLOW-UP COMPLETED

**REMINDER TERM**

- 34 VA-REMINDER UPDATE\_2\_0\_235

**HEALTH SUMMARY COMPONENT**

PCE HEALTH FACTORS SELECTED

**HEALTH SUMMARY TYPE**

- 35 VA-DWS REPORTED

**HEALTH SUMMARY OBJECTS**

- 36 VA-DWS REPORTED (TIU)

**TIU DOCUMENT DEFINITION**

- 37 VA-DWS REPORTED

**REMINDER DIALOG**

- 38 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS

## Pre-Install

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None

## Install Details

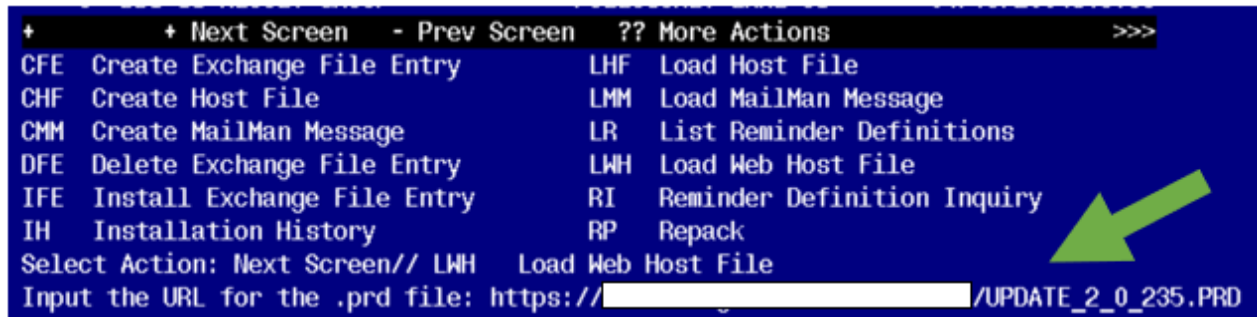
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This update is being distributed as a web host file. The address for the host file is:  
**https://vaww.va.gov/reminders/docs/UPDATE\_2\_0\_235.PRD**

The file will be installed using Reminder Exchange, programmer access is not required. This update can be loaded with users on the system. Installation will take less than 5 minutes

### Install Example

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



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+      + 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// LWH  Load Web Host File
Input the URL for the .prd file: https://[REDACTED]/UPDATE_2_0_235.PRD
```

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\_235.PRD**

You should see a message that the file was successfully loaded.



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https://[REDACTED]/UPDATE_2_0_235.PRD successfully loaded.
```

This will install one exchange entries in your exchange file

Added Reminder Exchange entry UPDATE\_2\_0\_235 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS

Item	Entry	Source	Date Packed
293	UPDATE_2_0_235 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS		03/03/2022@13:01
294	UPDATE_2_0_235 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS		03/08/2022@06:20
295	UPDATE_2_0_235 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS		03/23/2022@13:16
296	UPDATE_2_0_236 VA-PROSTHETICS TEMPLATES		11/04/2021@09:23
297	UPDATE_2_0_237 VA-COVID-19 TELEPHONE FOLLOW-UP UPDATE		10/26/2021@04:22
+      + 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 (1-574): 295			

Search and locate an entry titled **UPDATE\_2\_0\_235 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS**

At the **Select Action** prompt, enter **IFE** for Install Exchange File Entry  
Enter the number that corresponds with your entry **UPDATE\_2\_0\_235 VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS**. *(in this example it is entry 295 it will vary by site)*. The date of the exchange file should be 03/23/2022.

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Component                                Category  Exists
Source:
Date Packed: 03/23/2022@13:16:17
Package Version: 2.0P71

Description:
The following Clinical Reminder items were selected for packing:
REMINDER DIALOG
  VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS

REMINDER TERM
  VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_235

Keywords:

Components:

+      Enter ?? for more actions          >>>
IA  Install all Components                IS  Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// IA
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At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for **Install all Components** and hit enter.

Any items that are NEW in any categories, you should **INSTALL**  
There should not be any items that are pre-existing.

You will then be prompted to install the reminder dialog component, you will choose IA to install even though most items will have an X to indicate they already exist.

Packed reminder dialog: VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS [NATIONAL DIALOG]

Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS	dialog	
2	1	VA-DEMENTIA WS Finding: *NONE*	element	
3	3	VA-GP DEMENTIA WS NOTE Finding: *NONE*	group	
4	4	VA-GP DEMENTIA WS SCREEN Finding: VA-DWS COMPLETED (HEALTH FACTOR)	group	X
5	4.5	VA-GP DEMENTIA WS REPORT Finding: *NONE*	group	
6	4.5.4	VA-DEMENTIA WS QUESTIONS Finding: VA-DWS ASK SAME QUESTIONS (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
7		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: Next Screen// IA				

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – **VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS**



Packed reminder dialog: VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS [NATIONAL DIALOG]  
VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS (reminder dialog) installed from exchange file.

Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS	dialog	X
2	1	VA-DEMENTIA WS Finding: *NONE*	element	X
3	3	VA-GP DEMENTIA WS NOTE Finding: *NONE*	group	X
4	4	VA-GP DEMENTIA WS SCREEN Finding: VA-DWS COMPLETED (HEALTH FACTOR)	group	X
5	4.5	VA-GP DEMENTIA WS REPORT Finding: *NONE*	group	X
6	4.5.4	VA-DEMENTIA WS QUESTIONS Finding: VA-DWS ASK SAME QUESTIONS (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
7		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: Next Screen// Q

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

Component	Category	Exists
Source: [REDACTED]		
Date Packed: 03/23/2022@13:16:17		
Package Version: 2.0P71		
Description:		
The following Clinical Reminder items were selected for packing:		
REMINDER DIALOG		
VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS		
REMINDER TERM		
VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_235		
Keywords:		
Components:		
+      + 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

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### 1. Make the Dialog template available to be attached to a Personal or Shared template or to be able to attach the dialog to a progress note title.

Select Reminder Managers Menu <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **CP CPRS**

#### Reminder Configuration

CA Add/Edit Reminder Categories  
CL CPRS Lookup Categories  
CS CPRS Cover Sheet Reminder List  
MH Mental Health Dialogs Active  
PN Progress Note Headers  
RA Reminder GUI Resolution Active  
**TIU TIU Template Reminder Dialog Parameter**  
DEVL Evaluate Coversheet List on Dialog Finish  
DL Default Outside Location  
PT Position Reminder Text at Cursor  
LINK Link Reminder Dialog to Template  
TEST CPRS Coversheet Time Test  
NP New Reminder Parameters  
GEC GEC Status Check Active  
WH WH Print Now Active

Select CPRS Reminder Configuration <TEST ACCOUNT> Option: **TIU TIU**

#### Template Reminder Dialog Parameter

Reminder Dialogs allowed as Templates may be set for the following:

- 1 User USR [choose from NEW PERSON]
- 3 Service SRV [choose from SERVICE/SECTION]
- 4 Division DIV [SALT LAKE CITY]
- 5 System SYS [NATREM.FO-SLC.MED.VA.GOV]

Enter selection: **5** *Choose the appropriate number for your site. Your site may do this by System or other levels. The example below uses SYSTEM level.*

Setting Reminder Dialogs allowed as Templates for System: NATREM.FO-SLC.MED.VA.GOV

Select Display Sequence: **?**

388 VA-COVID-19 TELEPHONE FOLLOW-UP  
389 VA-SRA-CONSULT RESPONSE (D)

*When you type a question mark above, you will see the list of #'s (with dialogs) that are already taken. Choose a number **NOT** on this list. For this example, 390 is not present so I will use 390.*

Select Display Sequence: **390**

Are you adding 390 as a new Display Sequence? Yes// **YES**

Display Sequence: 390// **<Enter>** 390

Clinical Reminder Dialog: **VA-DEMENTIA WARNING SIGNS** reminder dialog  
NATIONAL  
...OK? Yes// **<Enter>** (Yes)

- 2. Add local consult orders if there are any. This group and all elements are local so if a site has more services that would be appropriate, more can be added. Any of the services listed above can be modified to match what is available at the local site. If you change the template display text make sure to also change the alternate text to match. If your site has no orders to add or decides not to add orders this group should be disabled.**

26 4.25 Group: VAL-GP DEMENTIA WS REFERRAL

Text: Optional Referrals:

[BOX, SUPPRESS, SHOW, NO SELECTION]

27 4.25.5 Element: VAL-DEMENTIA WS REFERRAL GERIATRIC

Text: A referral was made for a geriatric evaluation.

28 4.25.10 Element: VAL-DEMENTIA WS REFERRAL SOCIAL WORK

Text: A referral was made for social work.

29 4.25.15 Element: VAL-DEMENTIA WS REFERRAL DEMENTIA CLINIC

Text: A referral was made for the dementia clinic.

30 4.25.20 Element: VAL-DEMENTIA WS REFERRAL PCMHI

78 65.20.10 Group: VA-GP DWS PLAN - REFERRED

Text: [BOX, SUPPRESS, SHOW, NO SELECTION]

79 65.20.10.10 Element: VAL-DWS REFERRED INSTRUCTIONAL TEXT

Text: Consider referral to

(the following options will enter a consult to the  
corresponding service)

80 65.20.10.20 Element: VAL-DWS REFERRAL TO SOCIAL WORK

Text: Social Work consult entered.

81 65.20.10.30 Element: VAL-DWS GERIATRIC CONSULT

Text: Geriatric Clinic consult entered.

82 65.20.10.50 Element: VAL-DWS GERIATRIC PSYCH

Text: Geriatric Psychiatric consult entered.

83 65.20.10.60 Element: VAL-DWS NEUROLOGY CONSULT

Text: Neurology consult entered.

84 65.20.10.65 Element: VAL-DWS PCMH  
Text: Referred to PCMH.

85 65.20.10.70 Element: VAL-DWS DEMENTIA CLINIC  
Text: Dementia clinic consult entered.

3. **An order set or individual quick orders can be added as finding items to this group. Make sure to change the text so the user will know what they are getting when they click this option. Local elements can also be added to this group if sites decide to have orders placed individually rather than all with one click. If your site decides not to add orders this group should be disabled.**

88 65.20.15 Group: VAL-GP DWS PLAN TESTING  
Text: Recommended routine labs/imaging for dementia  
\*\*\* ENTER LOCAL LAB ORDERS HERE ACCORDING TO LOCAL PREFERENCE  
SUGGESTED ROUTINE ORDERS INCLUDE:  
TSH, CBC, ELECTROLYTES, CA+, HEPATIC PANEL,  
DRUG AND ALCOHOL SCREEN, BUN, CREAT, GLUCOSE, B12, HIV

Other diagnostic testing:

4. **An order set or individual quick orders can be added as finding items to this group. Make sure to change the text so the user will know what they are getting when they click this option. Local elements can also be added to this group if sites decide to have orders placed individually rather than all with one click. If your site has no orders to add or decides not to add orders this group should be disabled**

89 65.20.16 Group: VAL-GP DWS PLAN TESTING OTHER  
Text: Other diagnostic testing:

\*\*\* ENTER LOCAL ORDERS HERE ACCORDING TO LOCAL PREFERENCE  
SUGGESTED ORDERS INCLUDE:  
Neuropsych eval, brain imaging, consult to dementia specialist

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Local elements can be added to this group to include any quick orders for the recommended testing for the items listed above. Work with your local specialists to determine what orders to include.

5. **Elements can be added to this group to allow for finding items for some of these less common tests if your site has them available.**

65.20.17 Group: VAL-GP DWS PLAN TESTING ADVANCED

Text:

Consider targeted testing for rare causes of cognitive impairment if any of the following conditions are suspe

-Syphilis -Lyme Disease -Heavy Metal/Toxin exposure  
-Endocrine disorders -Prion-related disorders such as  
Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD) -Meningeal carcinomato

-Central nervous system vasculitis

[NO BOX, SUPPRESS, SHOW, NO SELECTION]