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### **Miami VA and GetWellNetwork partner to bring interactive tools to Veteran's bedsides**

MIAMI – The Miami VA Healthcare System is proud to partner with [GetWellNetwork](http://GetWellNetwork.com) to be the first VA medical center in Florida to bring education, patient monitoring and entertainment tools to the bedside of Veterans receiving inpatient care in South Florida.

Beginning June 25, inpatients at the Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center in Miami have touchscreen access to television, movies, patient education and the Internet at more than 230 monitors installed in all inpatient rooms. The network at the Miami VA also includes adaptive equipment allowing paralyzed patients interact with the system.

"We are proud to be the first VA in Florida to be using this system," said Paul Russo, director of the Miami VA Healthcare System. "VA has always been very forward thinking in using technology to better serve our Veterans, but this system brings everything all into one place in a very easy to use way."

The \$2.4 million project will also connect to the patient monitoring system allowing for pain management, ordering meals, communication with medical staff and medical education sessions based upon each individual patient's need.

"As part of the VA's commitment to patient and family-centered care, Miami VA Healthcare System is transforming the way health care is delivered for Veterans in South Florida," said Michael O'Neil, founder and CEO of GetWellNetwork. "We are both excited and humbled to partner with the Miami VA Healthcare System in their efforts to advance patient-centered care for our Veterans and their families. Our work together will help Veterans engage actively in their health journey, along with their families and the staff who serve them."

#### **About the Miami VA Healthcare System**

The Miami VA Healthcare System serves nearly 60,000 Veterans in South Florida, including more than 6,000 inpatients in fiscal year 2012. As part of the largest healthcare system in the United States, the Miami VA Healthcare System is a comprehensive healthcare provider that includes primary care, surgical care, and an entire suite of specialty services and mental health care for Veterans of all eras.

For more information about enrolling for VA Healthcare, visit [www.miami.va.gov](http://www.miami.va.gov).

#### **About GetWellNetwork**

[GetWellNetwork, Inc.](http://GetWellNetwork.com)® provides patient engagement solutions that help health care providers engage, educate and empower patients along the care continuum. Our patient-centered platform, delivered across multiple technology platforms including mobile devices, computers and televisions, enables providers to implement a revolutionary care delivery model called [Interactive Patient Care™](http://InteractivePatientCare.com) to improve performance and patient outcomes. The company further extends the value of existing IT investments by integrating seamlessly with electronic medical record and patient portal applications.

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