# Government Services: Partnering with the VA

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#### Learning Objectives

- Introduce the Government Services Department
  - Describe the department's role and responsibilities
  - Discuss the partnership with the RTLS PMO office
  - Discuss current challenges
- Discuss the department's key objectives
  - How can we strengthen the VA and Censis relationship so we can better serve our VA clients?
- Discuss the RTLS PMO's key objectives
- Solicit your thoughts and ideas



#### Introduce the Team



#### Introduction

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#### Roles and Responsibilities

Background

- VA Clients: 152

• RTLS: 65

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Total instruments marked: 1,497,903

Scopes being tracked: 12,448

- Develop initiatives and programs that enhance client use and experience of CensiTrac
- Seek partnerships within the VA community that can help achieve initiatives such OR Scheduler and LoanerLink integration
- Ensure CensiTrac and applicable hardware is approved for operation on VA networks
  - MOU and Interconnection Security Agreement
  - Technical Reference Model (TRM)



#### Relationship to the RTLS PMO

- Weekly meetings
  - Focused on solving issues that impact application utilization
- Conduct joint visits (5 since August)
  - Assessments
  - Develop follow-on activities that improve client satisfaction
- Develop and implement long term objectives that add value to the program
  - Enhancement requests
  - Enterprise level reporting



#### Current Challenges

- Understanding workflow (from a manual or existing system perspective) and determining how best to integrate CensiTrac
- Scanning 2D instrument marks
  - Identify problematic elements (pain points) and mitigate their impact
- Interfaces, Sterilizer, Incubators, One Source
  - Identify those areas that may benefit from interfaces and a paperless system
- Reports
  - Review the benefits of setting up exception reports and customizing them to better meet the needs of end users



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- Strengthen our partnership
  - Conduct client business reviews
  - Be onsite more (have conducted 14 visits since June 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Partner with VHA QCD
  - Participate in monthly SPW meetings
- Implement LoanerLink
  - VISN 10 has already purchased the application (four sites)
  - Interest in VISN 5 and VISN 21
- Deploy CensiTrac 4.0
  - TRM approved in August 2018



#### Key RTLS PMO Objectives



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- Reinforce the National Program Office Sterile Processing directive that CensiTrac is the standardized tracking system
  - CensiTrac (configuration settings, instrument descriptions)
- Understand SPS pain points and relay to Censis
  - Conduct joint site visits with Censis (V17, V5 conducted in August)
- Identify technology challenges that impact end user experience
  - Are there alternative technologies that can better support work flow and integration with CensiTrac?

## Solicit your thoughts and ideas: How can we strengthen our relationship?



