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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Q: What is Ektropy?

**A:** The second generation of Ektropy was deployed in November 2020 and offers users a more modern, cost-efficient and user-friendly information technology (IT) environment.

Ektropy is a web-based platform used for planning purposes and supports a variety of business processes. Ektropy provides insight into how programs are progressing against schedule and planned budget, streamlines management and reporting and supports executive oversight.

## Q: How do I access Ektropy?

**A:** Ektropy is Common Access Card (CAC) enabled and can be accessed at: <https://ektropy.health.mil>

## Q: Who uses Ektropy?

**A:** It is used across the Defense Health Agency (DHA) Deputy Assistant Director Information Operations (DAD IO) (J-6) directorate to support program and portfolio management by facilitating information sharing between planning, budgeting, execution, and resource planning activities. In October 2019, Ektropy was deployed to Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) across the DHA.

## Q: Who uses Ektropy at the MTFs?

**A:** MTFs receive Ektropy edit accounts for the maintenance of data. Information will be managed by:

- Chief Information Officer (CIO) or a delegated point of contact (POC) to manage data on behalf of the CIO
- Resource Management representative

## Q: How will Ektropy improve the way the MHS delivers healthcare?

**A:** Through data collection. It informs strategic decisions and empowers MTF CIOs to make data driven decisions.

## Q: What challenges would DHA face without Ektropy?

**A:** Without the tight accountability of Ektropy, many of the critical DHA missions would be severely impacted.

- D2D and Med-COI would not be completed, in turn delaying MHS GENESIS deployment.
- There would be limited funding in Cybersecurity presenting challenges in authorizing medical devices to go online.
- There would be a lack of funding and management of all Health IT services.