





Big Data is making big promises to the healthcare industry – offering the potential to improve trial safety, disease surveillance, and patient outcomes. What does the Big Data landscape look like today? To find out, MeriTalk surveyed 150 executives within Federal agencies focused on healthcare and healthcare research.



# **Vital Signs**



say Big Data will significantly improve patient care in VA and military health systems



**59**%

believe in five years, fulfilling their agency's mission objectives will depend on successfully leveraging Big Data



### **Physical Exam**



use Big Data to improve patient care



use Big Data to reduce care costs



use Big Data to improve health outcomes



use Big Data to increase early detection



### **Emerging Medicine**

#### mHealth:





say mHealth will lower care costs & be more impactful than the discovery of penicillin



sav mHealth will improve care

#### M2M Technologies:

of respondents say they have implemented M2M technologies

plan to do so within the next two years



Feds say a common challenge between M2M and mHealth is ensuring patient data security



## **Are Agencies Taking The Steps To Prepare?**



One in three say their agency has successfully launched at least one Big Data initiative



Only 34% have invested in IT systems/solutions to optimize data processing



Only 29% have trained IT professionals to manage and analyze Big Data



Only 29% have educated senior management on Big Data issues



**M** Big Data Diagnosis

Fewer than **One** in **five** say their agency

is very prepared to work with Big Data

Despite challenges, 9 out of 10 respondents expect M2M technologies and data to have positive impacts across the healthcare industry