

## Latest Version of Patient Movement Items Tracking System Now Available

The latest version of the Patient Movement Items Tracking System has been released by the DHSS Medical Logistics Division. The new version was released first to Patient Movement Items sites at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. The full deployment schedule is being prepared by the Patient Movement Item Manager at Headquarters Air Mobility Command and each site receiving PMITS.

Used by the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines, PMITS electronically tracks medical equipment used during aeromedical evacuations to support critical patient life sustainment and monitoring. It provides on-time, to-site transport of patient movement equipment when patients need it most.

This new release improves PMITS' reporting, search, and data exchange capabilities and is radio-frequency identification compatible. Users can quickly scan and capture equipment movement data with the PMITS RFID capability. PMITS version 2.0 also improves the secure connections to users over the Internet so users can seamlessly integrate PMITS into their organization's existing local area networks.



An aeromedical evacuation team loads a patient into a C-17 aircraft from Afghanistan to Balad Air Base in Iraq.

Users can now view and print reports about the status and location of patient movement items. Hosted at Defense Information System Agency facilities, PMITS's database of patient movement items is available worldwide. The DHSS PMITS team is working with the Theater Medical Information Program and Service TMIP Offices to include PMITS version 2.0 in the next TMIP release.

Training on the new capabilities within PMITS is being offered by the MHS Learn team within DHSS. The first course provides an overview of PMITS and the second course "Working with PMITS" will be launched in 2012. To access the training, please click onto [www.mhslearn.csd.disa.mil](http://www.mhslearn.csd.disa.mil).

To learn more about PMITS and its capabilities, please click onto [www.health.mil/dhss](http://www.health.mil/dhss).

New Capabilities		PMITS Versions	
		1.0.3	2.0.4
Key Functionality	RFID Scanning		✓
	Ad Hoc Reporting		✓
	Basic Search		✓
	Improved Graphical User Interface		✓
	Medical Maintenance Tracking		✓
Security	PKI / CAC Authentication (IAS)		✓
	Username / Password Authentication	✓	
Data Exchange	Network Connectivity via HTTPS (SSL)		✓
	56k Modem Connection (Peer-to-Peer and HUB)	✓	
Operating System	Workstation: Windows Vista/7, SQL 2005 Express Web: Windows Server 2008, SQL Server 2008		✓
	Workstation: Windows XP and MSDE 2000 Web: Windows Server 2003, SQL Server 2000	✓	

This table is a capability comparison between PMITS versions 1.0.3 and 2.0.

# User Feedback Inspires TRICARE Online Appointing Enhancements

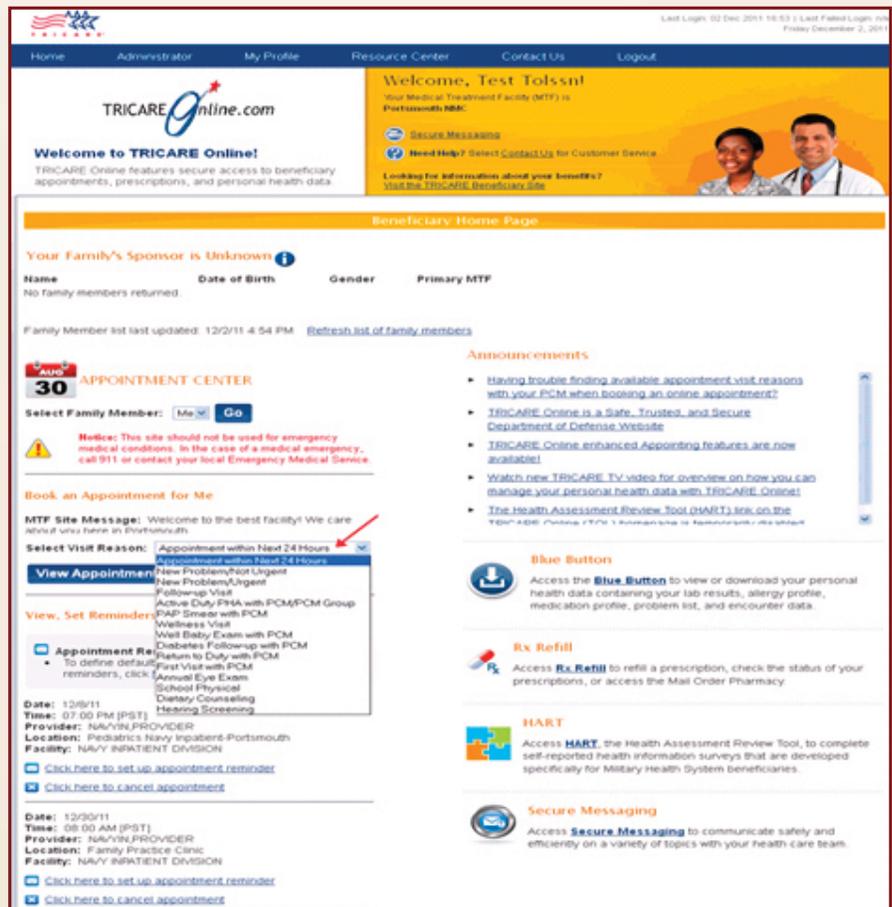
On Dec. 16, TRICARE Online, the Department of Defense patient portal, successfully deployed the newest version of TRICARE Online. The release includes enhancements to TRICARE Online's appointing, prescription refill, Blue Button capabilities, and the addition of a new training course entitled "Appointing Administration Training".

The course is for TRICARE Online system administrators at individual military treatment facilities and is in the "Manage Appointing" section of the TRICARE Online administrator home page. Through a series of screen shots, the course describes how to manage the various appointment types within TRICARE Online. It ends with a link to reference materials for additional details on managing appointments.

Another enhancement is the addition of "Primary Care Manager" to the list of visit reasons within TRICARE Online and is the result of users' feedback. TRICARE Online service representatives shared their users' feedback with the TRICARE Online project team. As a result, "Appointment within Next 24 hours," is at the top of the TRICARE Online Appointment Center drop down menu

as shown in the screen shot above. When TRICARE Online users select this reason for their visit, the system will search for the user's specified appointment types within the clinic associated with the user's primary care manager or primary care group within a 24-hour window. The purpose of this enhancement is to help ease the appointing process by simplifying beneficiaries' choices of visit reasons.

This release is another example of the commitment of DHSS and the TRICARE Online team in improving users' experiences with the patient portal. The team appreciates and actively seeks all feedback from users on how to increase access to information and services through TRICARE Online. For assistance with any issues with TRICARE Online, please call the MHS Service desk at 1-800-600-9333 or via e-mail to mhs\_remedy@timpo.osd.mil. For more information about TRICARE Online and its capabilities, please visit www.tricareonline.com.



# TRICARE Online Provides Single Sign on Access via Veterans Affairs, Army, and Air Force Portals

*Department of Defense Common Access Card and DoD Self-Service Logon users can access TRICARE Online via the Veterans Affairs eBenefits, Air Force Global Combat Support System, and Army Knowledge Online/Defense Knowledge Online portals.*

In continuing efforts to give warriors and their families easy access to information and services that support improved health care, DoD, VA, Air Force, and Army have partnered to provide single sign-on access to TRICARE Online. "This means users can access TRICARE Online by simply clicking onto the TRICARE Online link on each portal," said U.S. Navy Captain Judith Bellas, TRICARE Online Project Director. "With multiple points of secure access, users no longer need to jump from one website to another to securely log onto TRICARE Online information and services."

To view the websites now offering secure single sign on to TRICARE Online please click onto the following:

**VA eBenefits:**

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/>

**Air Force Global Combat Support System:**

<https://www.gcass-af.com/>

**AKO/DKO:**

<https://www.us.army.mil/>



If you experience any issues please contact the MHS Service Desk at 1-800-600-9332 or via e-mail [mhs\\_remedy@timpo.osd.mil](mailto:mhs_remedy@timpo.osd.mil) for immediate assistance. For more information about TRICARE Online and its capabilities, please visit [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

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## Using DCAM U.S. Dept of State Supplying Health Units Worldwide

*The Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support Customer Assistance Module system is being used extensively by the United States Department of State to supply health units worldwide.*

Since October 2010, the Department of State has been using DCAM to order medical supplies for health care units of the U.S. Embassies, Consulates, Peace Corps, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

DCAM is an automated electronic supply-ordering system used mainly in-theater by U.S. military health care professionals and logisticians.

DCAM was the system of choice for the Department of State due to their similar supply needs to tactical units in-theater that use DCAM and quickly order medical supplies efficiently and cost-effectively.

“Over 140 of our worldwide U.S. embassies and consulates were supported by medical material orders processed through DCAM. Tens of thousands of requisitions, millions of dollars in medical supplies were all ordered and managed through DCAM”, says DHSS Medical Logistics Deputy Program Manager, U.S. Army Col. Chris Harrington.

## DHSS In the News

The DoD/VA Medical Product Databank managed by DHSS is featured in the December issue of Military Medical Technology magazine.

The MHS Health IT column by U.S. Army Col. Chris Harrington, DHSS Deputy Program Manager for Medical Logistics, is available by clicking onto this link <http://bit.ly/twmv7u> and then scrolling to page 5 of the online publication.

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