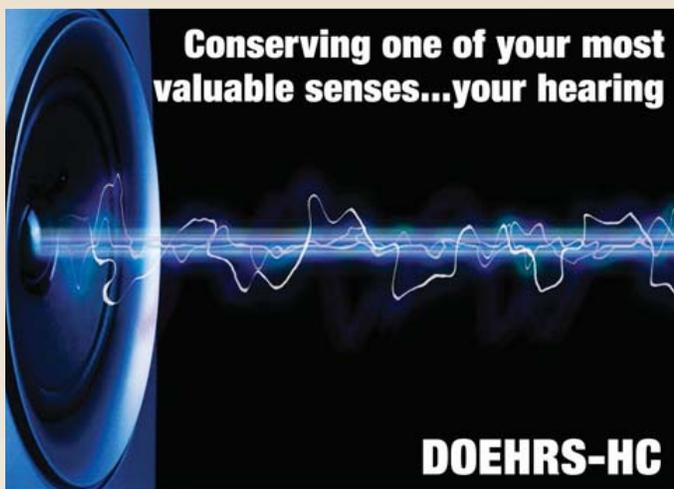


Preserving Hearing Health in the Military Health System



According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, every year nearly 30 million people in the United States are exposed to hazardous noise in the workplace. "Fortunately, the incidence of noise-induced hearing loss can be reduced or eliminated through successful application of engineering controls and hearing conservation programs," reports OSHA at <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/noisehearingconservation>.

To support personal hearing readiness and help prevent hearing loss through early detection for all active duty, reserve, guard, and civilian staff, the Military Health System uses the Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System–Hearing Conservation. DOEHRS-HC collects, maintains, compares, and reports hearing readiness, deployment, and hearing conservation program data for Department of Defense personnel. It incorporates Tri-Service business practices and

its features include conducting automated baseline, annual, pre- and post-deployment hearing tests; performing objective hearing test calculations; and interpreting hearing test results for individual readiness and management.

All military personnel are required to have a hearing test when they join the military, annually, pre and post-deployment, and when they leave the service. Since a hearing test is only one element of a comprehensive program, the data reported in DOEHRS-HC is vital to helping conserve the hearing of the men and women of the armed forces.

DOEHRS-HC assists in the prevention of hearing loss by detecting early decreases in hearing, monitoring hearing readiness and follow-up tests, documenting individual hearing ability, and assisting with local and service-wide hearing readiness and hearing conservation program management. The comprehensive database of over 21 million hearing records within DOEHRS-HC is used for historical and trend analysis.

Single ear testing will soon be added to DOEHRS-HC, which meets an OSHA regulation requiring the ability to track changes in hearing for each ear independently. This new capability distinguishes changes in hearing and hearing test dates for each ear individually when re-establishing baseline hearing tests. This new functionality will help better detect changes in hearing and identify actions to be taken to prevent further changes.

For additional information about DOEHRS-HC and the DHSS, please visit <http://health.mil/dhss>.

MHS Learn Named Computerworld 21st Century Achievement Winner for Training and Education

Framingham, Mass. — On June 20, MHS Learn, the enterprise learning management system for the Department of Defense Military Health System, received the 21st Century Achievement award for Training and Education from the 2011 Computerworld Honors Program.

Each year, Computerworld recognizes organizations that create and use information technology to promote and advance the public welfare, benefit society, and change the world for the better. The 21st Century Achievement Award winners—one honoree in each of 11 categories—are singled out for special recognition by program judges as the very best among the 262 Laureates chosen for the 2011 recognition.

The Training and Education category acknowledges organizations for the innovative use of IT to create and improve learning programs and extend the reach of education and training to new and wider audiences, particularly those previously underserved.

“There were 26 Laureates in this category and this year’s list of esteemed candidates includes Duke University, NASA, the Defense Acquisition University, and Harvard Business Publishing and we are honored for the recognition,” said DHSS Deputy Program Manager for Resources Mike Smith, who manages MHS Learn.

When presenting the award, Computerworld Publisher John Amato cited the significant impact of “Virtual Iraq” training in helping wounded warriors with post-traumatic stress disorder to safely confront their trauma and begin their path to healing. MHS Learn built the online awareness and training for the Air Force Office of Telehealth, Imaging and Cybermedicine for the Air Force Surgeon General’s Directorate of Modernization.

Amato also cited the ongoing partnership between the DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs in shared training initiatives on MHS Learn, delivering cost avoidance for both organizations of nearly \$12 million dollars annually in redundant training.



Computerworld Laureate Award winners (from left) Defense Logistics Agency Deputy Program Manager John Charalabidis, DHSS Medical Logistics Division Deputy Program Manager Col. Chris Harrington, VA Chief Logistics Officer Michelle Whitehead, and DHSS Resources Division Deputy Program Manager Mike Smith.

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Blue Button Featured in Health Data Initiative Forum

The Department of Defense Blue Button capability was featured during the 2011 Institute of Medicine Health Data Initiative Forum alongside the Department of Veteran's Affairs and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The forum was held at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. on June 9 and was hosted by the Institute of Medicine and the Department of Health and Human Services to help build momentum for public use of data and innovation to improve health.

The DoD, VA, and CMS joined forces at the forum to demonstrate their respective Blue Button capabilities in providing patients easy access to their personal health data. With DoD's Blue Button through TRICARE Online, patients can review their medication, allergy, and demographic information. They can also see their own lab results, problem lists, and encounter data. Patients can select their personal health data summary preferences and then save, download, or print their personal health info in either plain text or pdf. The amount of health data available to individual patients depends on where their treatment occurs, with the most information available to those patients who regularly receive care at Military Treatment Facilities.

The Blue Button, the result of a collaborative partnership of DoD, VA, CMS, and the Markle Foundation, marks one of a growing list of TRICARE Online improvements offering patients increased access to their own health information.

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The DOD/VA Data Synchronization Project Medical Product Databank, managed jointly by the DHSS Medical Logistics Division, DLA Troop Support Command, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, was one of 24 Laureates in the Collaboration category. Over 1,000 organizations from around the world were nominated for the 2011 class of Computerworld Honors Program Laureates. Case studies for each of the 262 Laureates were formally inducted into the program's International Archives and honorees received a medallion inscribed with the Program's mission, "A Search for New Heroes."

More information, including the complete list of 2011 Computerworld Honors Laureates as well as the 55 21st Century Award finalists is available at the Computerworld Honors website <http://events.computerworld.com/Honors2011>.



Mike Smith shakes hands with a Kid Witness News reporter after his interview on the 21st Century Achievement Award for MHS Learn.

Latest DMLSS Supply Module Successfully Deployed On U.S. Naval Ship Comfort

The latest module of the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support application is now being used on the U.S. Naval Military Sealift Command hospital ship Comfort. For the past two years, the ship has used the DMLSS Equipment Management and Maintenance module and the DMLSS Supply Module was recently successfully deployed there.

With DMLSS, the Comfort (right) is receiving a more efficient logistical information technology system as its single point for total supply, equipment management, and maintenance. DMLSS also offers the Comfort a total accountability process and a robust reporting capability up and down the chain of command.

Air Force units, and naval amphibious task forces and battle forces afloat. The ship also provides mobile surgical hospital service for use by U.S. government agencies in disaster or humanitarian relief efforts.

“When DMLSS was introduced to the ship in July 2009, it was immediately apparent it was the right solution for the ship’s business needs,” said U.S. Army Col. Chris Harrington, Deputy Program Manager for DHSS Medical Logistics. “Now, another module of DMLSS is being used on the ship, allowing for better medical assistance for our soldiers and others by providing total medical equipment and consumable supplies on time, accurately, and cost effectively.”

The Comfort’s duties include providing emergency, on-site care for U.S. combatant forces deployed in war or other operations. It delivers rapid, flexible, and mobile medical and surgical services to support Marine Corps air or ground task forces, Army and



Decommissioning Activities

For CDM, MCFAS and MHS Insight

CLINICAL DATA MART

Due to decommissioning activities, user access to the Clinical Data Mart will end on July 1, 2011. DHSS stopped processing select CDM data requests from users effective June 15, 2011. For additional information about these decisions, please contact your CDM Service Representative. They are:

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Future clinical reporting capabilities are scheduled to be provided by the Air Force Health Services Data Warehouse. For information about the HSDW, please contact the Air Force Representative.

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An Army and Navy representative have not been identified and will be provided once this information becomes available.

A proposed interim solution for clinical reporting is being developed for the MHS. The proposed solution will provide continued access to only a minimum, essential subset of data from the Clinical Data Repository. For information about this proposed interim solution, please contact the following individuals:

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MANAGED CARE FORECASTING AND ANALYSIS TOOL

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The Defense Health Cost Analysis Program Evaluation division for the Chief Financial Officer of the TRICARE Management Activity will provide the analytics for MCFAS population projections. Historical projection cohort data from MCFAS will be added to the MHS Management Analysis and Reporting Tool (M2) at a future date.

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The Business Proponency Management Board has not identified any MHS Insight data to be made accessible in existing or future applications. The Board has also not identified requirements for any of this data to be transferred to existing or future applications.

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TEWLS Receives Customer Center of Excellence Primary Certification

Ft. Detrick, Md. — The Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics Systems, managed by the DHSS Medical Logistics Division, has received a SAP Customer Center of Excellence Primary Certification.

“This prestigious industry credential further demonstrates our organization’s ability to deliver world-class service,” said TEWLS Program Manager David Ray. “The CCoE certification signifies that TEWLS has met SAP standards for its practices, procedures, and performance. TEWLS continues striving to become better and better for our customers.”

TEWLS reports medical logistics functions by consolidating national, regional, and deployed units into a single business environment. Its features include single data entry and instant data sharing across the DOD in support of medical logisticians. TEWLS is used for life cycle management of all medical assemblages and theater supply chain operations.



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