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MHS Learn and PEPR Go Agile

Last month, the Patient Encounter Processing and Reporting (PEPR) application, and the MHS Learn application incorporated the Agile Scrum Methodology into their development processes. The goal is to streamline processes and improve the time-to-market for required changes.

PEPR is a Web-based set of applications that allows analysis of purchased care claims and encounter data generated by the TRICARE managed care support contractors. It assists TRICARE's Office of Program Integrity to identify fraudulent claims activity. MHS Learn is a global enterprise e-learning portal for training and collaboration, used throughout the Military Health System.

To date, nine Defense Health Service Systems (DHSS) teams are using this new methodology. Agile Scrum allows project teams to better achieve their missions of improving quality, while reducing time, cost and risk per production change release.

As budgets continue to decrease and software change requests remain high, Agile is one solution DHSS teams are using to meet ongoing client requests. Some benefits of Agile Scrum Methodology are:

- Customer satisfaction by rapid delivery of useful software
- Working software is delivered frequently
- Working software is the principal measure of progress
- Close, daily co-operation between business people and developers

The Agile Scrum Methodology was adopted by the DHSS in 2011 to deliver mission critical application updates to customers on time and within budget.

Connect with MHS Learn on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/MHSLearn>.

TRICARE Online Wins AMSUS 2012 Information Technology Award

The TRICARE Online (TOL) Blue Button Team was recently named winner of the 2012 Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) Information Technology (IT) Award.

This award recognizes an organization, team or individual that has made significant contributions in information and technology, and has positively impacted mission accomplishments. Built and managed by the Department



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JMAR Enhances Theater Situational Awareness

The Joint Medical Asset Repository (JMAR) Release 6.1.0.13, deployed on Aug. 9, 2012, delivers Phase One of Situational Awareness development to support the theater. The release includes a redesigned Inventory module which aligns with improvements made to the JMAR framework over the past several releases.

Additionally, a new Assemblage Readiness Dashboard is included in the release and features six charts and related reports that provide visibility into dated items, materiel availability and data quality issues related to assemblage records. The Assemblage Readiness Dashboard provides snapshots of materiel availability and dated items data, as well as a view of Assemblage data quality issues, based on the filter values the user selects. Different filters are available or appropriate for different charts and reports. A flexible, powerful and easier-to-use filtering capability has also been built to support the dashboard charts and reports generated in this module.



Assemblage Readiness Dashboard reports are similar to the reports available from the Assemblage Management Module. The major difference is that the reports are generated on the Assemblage Readiness Dashboard by drilling down from the charts that are displayed. The Inventory module was revised to use the new filter Graphical User Interface (GUI) functionality associated with the redesigned JMAR framework. The Inventory Report Generator was simplified so that the desired report is selected and all filters are applied on a single page (the filter GUI). Multiple reports can be selected from the charts and displayed in the Business Objects report portlet underneath the filter GUI.

Additional required and optional objects were added to the Business Objects reports and functionality was augmented to allow the user more flexibility and power in a simplified format.

In addition:

- The User Defined Report process was modified to accommodate Gen IV changes.
- The Assemblage module, including the new Dashboard, was modified to report materiel availability for Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics Systems assemblage data.
- The system was modified to ensure all inventory ties to a single site catalog record.
- All feeds were modified to update/maintain site catalog data.
- System time-out discrepancies were addressed.

Phase Two of Situational Awareness is coming soon! It is scheduled for deployment in January 2013 and delivers Critical Medical Equipment Reporting based on Mission Capability. There will be a Mission Capable, Operational Readiness view as well as a Mission Capability Rollup Report by Operation, Combatant Command (COCOM), Department of Defense Activity Address Code, Service, Major Command and Customer. Also, included to improve COCOM situational awareness are Dashboard views of open work orders by age category, enhanced filtering and additional metric views to support a future Medical Logistics Common Operational Picture.

MHS Learn to Add Five Grand Rounds CE Courses this fall

Five new continuing education (CE) courses will be added to the Grand Rounds catalog on the MHS Learn portal in the fall. The Virtual Grand Rounds Series is a joint venture between the Veterans Administration (VA), Employee Education System, Brooke Army Medical Center, Great Plains Regional Command and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This lecture series feature researchers and health care professionals sharing their experiences, observations and outcomes in a variety of topic areas.

Topics to be featured on the MHS Learn e-learning portal this fall include:

- Ethics and Mild TBI – Theory, Method, Science and Practice
- Clinical Outcomes Associated with Blast
- Omega-3 Fatty Acids and Concussions TBI – A New Treatment
- TBI on the Warfront – Case Series
- Practical Use of Smart Devices and Cognitive Prosthetics Following TBI



Courses can be located by searching keyword 'Grand Rounds' or locating the course catalog – "Virtual Lectures and Conferences > Grand Rounds" on the MHS Learn website.

These courses will add to a long list of CE courses already hosted on the MHS Learn portal. Current CE courses that can be found on the MHS Learn portal include the Department of Defense's (DoD) VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guideline courses:

- VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines - Diabetes
- VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines - Chronic Kidney Disease

Clinical Practice Guideline courses can be found by searching keyword 'CPG' or under the course catalog – "Virtual Lectures and Conferences > Clinical Practice Guidelines."

To learn more about these CE courses and others hosted on the MHS Learn portal, go to:

<https://mhslearn.csd.disa.mil>.

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of Defense's (DoD) Defense Health Services Systems, the TOL Blue Button makes it easier for TRICARE beneficiaries to actively manage their health care by providing access to personal health data, including lab results, problem lists, medication, allergy and encounter data. TOL users can also view, download and print their health information including the date, time and location of visits to Military Treatment Facilities.

Each year, through their distinguished awards program, AMSUS acknowledges the abilities of many outstanding federal healthcare individuals.

For more information about TRICARE Online and its capabilities, please visit www.tricareonline.com.

Did you know?



The Military Health System observes “Women’s Health Awareness” month in October. Women’s health is an important part of the overall wellness of the defense community.

While women and men have many of the same health issues, women may be affected differently than men. In addition, there are some conditions which are unique to women. Familiarity with women’s health issues, regular screenings and prevention are keys to maintaining good health. For more information about women’s health, go to:

http://www.health.mil/News_And_Multimedia/Special_Features/womenshealth.aspx

DHSS Trivia

1. Among the MHS transaction systems, _____ has the largest user base.

- a) MHS Learn
- b) DMHRSi
- c) TPOCS

2. This project is vital in identifying and reporting fraudulent and duplicate claims.

- a) PEPR
- b) TED
- c) PHIMT

3. How many new charts does the JMAR Assemblage Readiness Dashboard provide?

- a) 1
- b) 3
- c) 6

4. Which DHSS clinical support application allows analysts to perform trend analysis, conduct patient and provider profiling studies, and identify opportunities for transferring health care from the private sector to Military Treatment Facilities?

- a) MDR
- b) PSR
- c) M2
- d) CCQAS

User Training Opportunities



Coding and Compliance Editor (CCE)

Date: October 31, 2012
Times: 8:00AM - 10:00AM (EDT)
1:00PM - 3:00PM (EDT)
Topic: Medical Necessity Edits
Registration: Send your name, session you wish to attend and email address to CCEtraining@tma.osd.mil by October 26, 2012.

Defense Occupational Environmental Health Readiness System – Industrial Hygiene (DOEHRS-IH)

Date: October 25, 2012
Times: 8:00AM - 9:30AM (EDT)
1:00PM - 2:30PM (EDT)
6:30PM – 8:30PM (EDT)
Topic: DOEHRS-IH Refresher Training
Registration: Send your name, session you wish to attend and email address to doehrs@ngc.com by October 22, 2012.

MHS Management Analysis and Reporting Tool (M2)

Date: November 5-9, 2012
Location: Arlington, Va.
Topic: WISDOM Refresher Training
Registration: Send your name, session you wish to attend and email address to Sheyla.Y.Keane@lmco.com.



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Answers to Trivia on page 4.

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. c