



About the OCTO

...serving as a horizontal integrator for the Military Health System (MHS)

OCTO Focus Areas

- Governance & Standards
- Long Range Technical Architecture Plan
- Decision Support
- Service Oriented Enterprise (SOE)
- Innovative Technologies

OCTO's mission is to provide the MHS community with the visionary guidance to facilitate strategic business, technical, and functional synchronization across the Portfolio in an effort to realize efficiencies and cultivate controlled innovations that support the delivery of health care for our service members and their families.

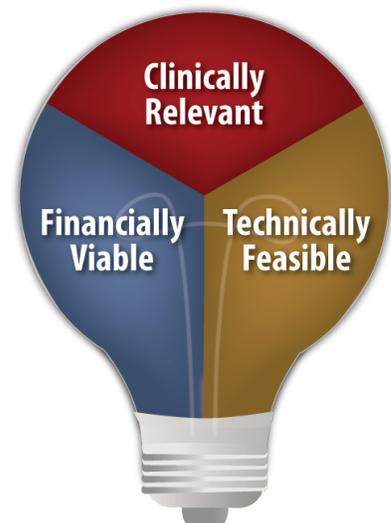
In July 2010, MHS leadership announced the creation of its first Chief Technology Officer whose primary responsibility would be to ensure that technology across the MHS supports current business needs.

Today, the MHS CTO is the principal advisor to the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and serves as a high-level technical authority responsible for providing future direction and improved capability for all OCIO projects and programs. The OCTO serves as the primary advisor to the OCIO on mission, scientific, and technical issues related to information systems technology within the MHS. The OCTO also defines, leads, and/or oversees projects that synergistically combine the Agency's information management/information technology (IM/IT) resources.

Supporting 'One Connected Enterprise'

As the 'visionary' and outward facing technologist as well as the individual responsible for bridging the gap between the business and technological communities, the MHS CTO is responsible for influencing movement towards an actionable, strategically-focused enterprise that links day-to-day decision making with enterprise strategy.

The OCTO is focused on synergizing development and innovation efforts across the enterprise in an effort to improve the vast set of health IT solutions available to our end users – our nation's warfighters.





OCTO's vision is to serve as the trusted technical authority and change agent for the MHS, focused on uniting the business, technical, and functional communities; creating an environment built on innovative technologies; and shaping a Portfolio that is comprised of clinically relevant, technically feasible, and financially viable solutions.

OCTO Efforts

The OCTO is currently undertaking a number of horizontally-focused initiatives that support a wide range of vertical enterprise efforts and action plans in support of the MHS IM/IT Strategic Plan. The OCTO will work closely with enterprise stakeholders to fulfill the MHS' mission to deliver the right information to the right people at the right time.

The OCTO is also focused on collaborating with numerous workgroups and stakeholders to improve DoD's ability to electronically exchange its health care data with federal and private parties.

Collectively, these efforts will help improve the day-to-day operations of the MHS while also promoting opportunities for increased efficiencies and collaboration throughout the enterprise.

GOVERNANCE & STANDARDS

Reduce redundancies within the current governance process and establish centralized reporting and project restructuring to simplify internal governance and accelerate individual project monitoring



LONG RANGE TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE PLAN

Develop an overarching, technology-focused LRA for the enterprise, including 1, 3, and 5-year views and a 10-year technology vision



DECISION SUPPORT

Evolve a quantitative framework that aligns with enterprise strategy, considers business and technical needs, and translates them into tactical IT enablement



SERVICE ORIENTED ENTERPRISE

Define, implement, and manage the creation of a SOE that is aligned with business priorities by providing an organizational framework for instilling, governing, and evolving the culture of 'reuse' and 'sharing' of enterprise assets for improved interoperability and agility in the delivery of health care



INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Develop a coordinated innovation management process to identify, research, develop, test, and evaluate innovative solutions that benefit the MHS enterprise

