



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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◆ Electronic Health Record System (EHRS)

Project Update: A teleconference call between IHS and NASA occurred this month to promote EHRS dialogue across these Agencies. This interagency meeting discussed the complexity of [NASA's EHRS Project](#) and resulted in the creation of an EHRS Steering Committee. On November 29, a meeting at the NASA Headquarters Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) was attended to brief on project progress for the CIO's consideration.



◆ Flu Update: Once your 2005-2006 influenza vaccination campaign is complete, please forward your data to [Mae Hafizi](#). Please include total number of civil servants, contractors and others vaccinated. All NASA clinics are receiving their vaccine supplies in partial shipments and later than usual.

◆ HQ Honor Award Recipients Include Multiple Occupational Health Personnel: Multiple OH personnel received awards at the Headquarters Honor Awards held on November 9, at NASA Headquarters. *Exceptional Performance Award* recipients included Janine Scoville and Mark Shepanek of OCHMO. *Special Service Award* was also presented to the Headquarters Health Unit Staff, Headquarters Fitness Team, and the OH Support Office. Congratulations to all of these OH staff who received these HQ Honor awards!



◆ Acoustical Testing Laboratory (ATL) Celebrates Five Year Anniversary: As NASA redirects the Agency's focus from microgravity research on the International Space Station to longer-term space exploration projects, [ATL](#) is adapting with a refocus. In particular, the lab is building and expanding their suite of occupational [hearing conservation \(HC\)](#) products and services for NASA and external clients. The lab has produced and will continue to produce valuable HC training tools. These tools are available for no charge and designed to enhance educational and training efforts in the HC area. All NASA Centers and Facilities are encouraged to use these resources.

◆ Recognizing Three OH Staff Making Career Changes:



Patty Bell, the EAP Officer for KSC, is taking an EAP position with DuPont in Jacksonville, Florida. Patty has been the KSC EAP since April 2001 and saw the center through the difficult times following the Columbia tragedy. Liesel Short, RN, Chief Nurse at ARC accepted a new position as Compliance Manager for US Health Works. Liesel has worked at the ARC Health Unit since 1999 and has been



instrumental in clinic improvements at ARC such as JCAHO certification. Iris Davis, RN, Chief Nurse at MAF, decided to retire after 15 years of service. Iris was a major supporter of the Agency's health promotion efforts. We would like to recognize their contributions to NASA and wish them well in this new phase of their lives!

◆ International Continuing Health Education (ICHE) ViTS Series #15:

This Series begins on December 2, 10:00-12:00 EST, and will focus on *Emergency Health and Medical Preparedness and Response to Disasters*.

◆ Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) at GSFC: Over 20 personnel from 9 NASA sites attended the recent RSO training course at GSFC. This OCHMO sponsored training course was tailored to meet the needs of NASA RSOs and early feedback indicates it was a big success! Thanks to the Goddard Health Physics staff who did an excellent job hosting the course.



◆ Upcoming Health Presentations: A CDC conference call is scheduled for December 6, 2005, at 1PM EST on the topic of avian influenza. For details go to the [conference call site](#). On December 1, 2005, at 12:00 EST Colleen Perkins from Mayo Clinic will be discussing applicability of Health and Performance Questionnaires (HPQ) during the Quarterly Health Promotion and Wellness ViTS.

◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:

- Health Promotion – December 1, 12:00-1:30 PM EST
- ICHE – December 2, 10:00-12:00 PM EST
- Health Physics – December 2, 1:00-2:00 PM EST
- Workers' Comp – December 14, 11:00 -12:00 PM EST
- ICHE – December 16, 10:00-12:00 PM EST
- EH – December 21, 11:00-12:00 PM EST

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