



# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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## ◆ 2007 NASA Occupational Health Conference:



Almost 110 attendees have registered for the 2007 [NASA Occupational Health Conference](#)! All hotel room reservation requests must be received by the reservation deadline of *Friday, June 29*. Please call the [hotel](#) directly at 303-861-2000 or toll free at 800-525-2888, 24 hours a day to reserve your room. Reservations received after the deadline will be subject to space and rate availability. [Online registration](#) for the conference continues and the latest [agenda](#) is posted. All [continuing education](#) information has been finalized and is posted to the OH website. If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact [Gail Bantugan](#), 321-867-3164.

## ◆ Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth](#):

### Registrant type Registrations

Civil Servant	1,145
Contractor	56
Other	< 50
Spouse, dependent, partner	< 50
Total Completed HRAs	1,226



◆ **2008 HealthierYou Update:** On October 1, the HealthierYou 2008 Campaign will launch. The Campaign components include the 2008 Health Calendar, Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth Newsletter, and NASA's Annual Influenza Vaccination Drive. The challenges of being a care-giver and an in depth look at melanomas and skin cancer will be addressed via distribution of pamphlets. If OPM does not coordinate the HealthierFeds 2008 Physical Activity Challenge but there is enough NASA interest, we can discuss holding the event among the 14 NASA Centers. The [HealthierFeds](#) website is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

◆ **EHR Update:** An Electronic Health Record System (EHR) – the current version of Indian Health Services' RPMS/EHR – was installed at the NASA Data Center (NDC) in Huntsville, AL, the first week of June. This positions NASA's [EHR Project](#) for nine months of pilot testing and exploration. Already, EHR Project Team members are remotely logging into the system and exploring existing functionality to better prepare for the Occupational Health module development.

◆ **President's Management Agenda-Scorecard:** OCHMO scored green on the President's Management Agenda (PMA) Federal Health Information Technology (HIT) Scorecard for the third quarter of FY2007.

◆ **Occupational Medicine ViTS:** Dr. R. Williams will be hosting periodic OM ViTS focusing on OH topics beginning

in August. The first OM ViTS is scheduled for August 29 from 11am to 12 noon EDT and will focus on pandemic and vaccines.

◆ **Recognizing a New Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH):** Brian Vandevender Industrial Hygienist at Langley Research Center has completed his Certified Industrial Hygiene exam. Congratulations to Brian on a great professional achievement!



◆ **Protection and Promoting Worker Health:** Join the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and over 25 supporting organizations on September 10-11 in Bethesda, MD for a [two-day symposium](#) to explore strategies and acquire tools for enhancing and sustaining healthy workplaces and healthy workers.



◆ **NIOSH Publishes Ergonomic Guidelines for Manual Material Handling:** This recently published [booklet](#) is written for managers and supervisors in workplaces that involve the manual handling of containers.

◆ **Langley IH Wins American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) President's Award:** On the evening of June 6, Carter Ficklen, CIH, Program Manager for the Health and Safety Support Contract at Langley Research Center was awarded the AIHA President's Award along with Steve Lacey, PhD, CIH of the University of Illinois for their work with AIHA's Students and Early Career Professionals Committee.



◆ **Over 35 NASA IHs Gather in Philadelphia:** On the night of June 4, over 35 NASA Center IHs gathered in Philadelphia for an IH Breakout Meeting in conjunction with the American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition. During the session, two of the most senior IH personnel at NASA, Sean Keppta from JSC and Mike Cardinale from KSC, discussed the status and challenges of their Centers' IH programs.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

• August 13 - 17 – Marshall Space Flight Center

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

• Environmental Health – July 12, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT

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