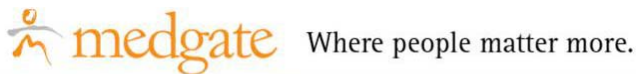




◆ **The EHRS Project Moves Forward:** At the NASA Occupational Health Conference Dr. Rich Williams announced that [Dr. Ray Christopher](#) will be the EHRS Project Lead. The early planning for implementation of the [Medgate](#) system will kick off with a gap analysis meeting on August 4-6, 2008 at KSC. This analysis will identify many decision points and data elements that we will need your help with. We will involve the EHRS Task Force with many of these requirements and you all will be asked to provide data or input on short notice. We thank you in advance for your support as we plan for implementation over the next few months. This Agency-wide EHRS will allow data collection that will drive health policy decisions and help manage our occupational health program into the future.



◆ **2008 NASA Occupational Health Conference Report:** The 2008 NASA Occupational Health Conference was a big success with 111 attendees representing all NASA OH disciplines participating in the five day event. The city of Baltimore, MD with its historic Inner Harbor played host to this year's conference. Appropriately themed: "The Past: Key to Navigating Our Future", the PDC's and the Plenary Sessions covered many OH topics touching on the history and the future of Occupational Health. The luncheon speaker, NASA Astronaut, Clayton Anderson, engaged the audience as he told many stories of his 152 days in orbit on the ISS. Most of the [presentations](#) are posted to the OH website in addition to all the continuing education information for certified OH professionals. We appreciate the support of the Conference by all attendees and look forward to seeing you at the 2009 NASA OH Conference being held in San Antonio, Texas July 11-17, 2009. On a related note the 2008 OH Conference Agenda Cover featuring a Baltimore picture won a [NASA Best Design Award](#).



◆ **Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth:**  
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Civil Service Personnel	799
Contractor	949
Other	<50
Total	1798

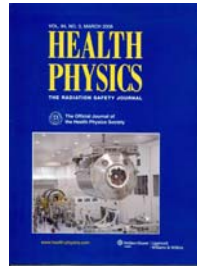
Encourage the NASA workforce to take advantage of the Mayo Clinic HRA and the entire suite of EmbodyHealth resources. Not only will the employees will be investing 15 minutes in their health, they will be helping the Agency to set a definitive course in employee health and productivity programming.

◆ **Continuing Education Credits from CDC:** The [CDC's Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity](#) (COCA) is offering Continuing Education Credits at no charge. To subscribe to their list server please go to the [registry page](#). To review the CDC courses offered please go to the [course listing](#). In addition the NASA OH website also posts a number of other [continuing education resources](#) for all OH professionals.



◆ **Prevention and Control of Influenza:** The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has released their [recommendations](#) regarding the use of influenza vaccine and antiviral agents for the 2008-2009 season.

◆ **Health Physics Staff at NASA Ames Research Center Featured in Journal:** Kudos to Patrick Muldoon, CHP who is featured in the August issue of Operational Radiation Safety (ORS), a publication of the [Health Physics Society](#). In this issue's "RSO Interview," column Patrick shares information about his background, philosophies, insights, and secrets to success. Way to go Patrick!



◆ **OH Conference Ergonomic Session and Planned Follow Up Activity:** At the recently concluded OH Conference approximately 30 personnel attended an Ergonomic Session evening session facilitated by [Miriam Glazer](#) from Ames. The meeting featured six Center presentations covering various aspects of their respective ergonomic programs. An ergonomist from the US Army's Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine (CHPPM) also presented information on [CHPPM ergonomic resources](#). The EH August ViTS on August 13, will feature a recap of that meeting and continue to discuss the possibility of creating a ergonomic working group.



- ◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**
- August 19-22 – Dryden Flight Research Center
  - August 25-28 – Ames Research Center
- ◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**
- Health Physics – August 6, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
  - Environmental Health – August 13, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
  - Health Promotion – September 11, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT

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