



◆ **The EHR Project Update:** The EHR Project Team met with Medgate representatives for a Gap Analysis and Implementation meeting on August 4th through 6th. This meeting kicked off the planning, testing, and implementation processes, that will take approximately six months. Tom Beever, our Project Manager, is tasked with ensuring compliance with the NASA Office of the Chief Information Officer's (OCIO) project management requirements in NPR 7120.7. Dr. Christopher remains our Project Lead as we move through this important planning period. This is an exciting time as we develop our plans and milestones, begin to build base tables and reports, and explore the system's functionality for both medical and industrial hygiene. A teleconference for the Agency EHR Task Force is being planned for September to bring all Centers up to speed on the implementation process. You may soon receive requests for input as we build the various tables and lists required to tailor the system to meet our specific needs. We still anticipate the first rollout at Stennis in February 2009.

◆ **2009 NASA Occupational Health Conference:**

The 2009 NASA OH Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas July 11-17, 2009 and will be held at the beautiful [Hotel Contessa](#) on the famous San Antonio Riverwalk. We encourage all NASA OH staff to plan and budget to attend our annual Conference.



◆ **Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth:** Year to date, 1866 participants have completed the Mayo Clinic Health Risk Assessment (HRA). In order to analyze cohort data, we need 1500 employees who completed the HRA in 2007 to again complete the in 2008. Please encourage employees to re-visit the [Mayo EmbodyHealth website](#).

Registrant type	Completed HRA
Civil Service Personnel	832
Contractor	986
Other	<50
Total	1866

◆ **Influenza Vaccination Drive:** Annually, NASA engages in an influenza vaccination drive as an element of the HealthierYou Campaign. Upon completion of the outreach please provide Mae Hafizi with the following information:

- Total flu vaccines given to NASA CS, Contractors, Others
- Name of vaccine and its manufacturer
- Cost of purchasing the vaccine

◆ **Keeping Disaster Site Workers Safe During Cleanup and Recovery Operations:** Whether it is [wildfires](#), [hurricanes](#), [floods](#), [tornados](#) or numerous other disasters, OSHA has put together a number of [webpages](#) full of useful information related to health and safety issues involving clean up and recovery. As the 2008 Hurricane Season becomes active this information is very relevant to number of our NASA Centers.



◆ **2009 HealthierYou Campaign:** For a detail description of the Campaign components please visit the [2009 HealthierYou Campaign Page](#). The NASA annual influenza vaccination drive remains a hallmark of the Campaign. We appreciate your final stats as stated above. The 2009 Calendar is in the final stages of development with an October release date. *Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth* and its accompanying Health Assessment and WLQ have been procured for the 2009 Campaign period. Please continue your marketing efforts. The greater the participation, the more reflective the data would be in presenting the Agency's health and productivity profile. On a monthly basis, we will continue to provide Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth hard copy newsletters. Continue to look for the quarterly *For a HealthierYou* e-newsletters. This is an electronic document only. The pdf will continue to be posted on both the [OHP Website](#) and the EmbodyHealth portal. Our focus in 2009 will be on keeping the aging workforce healthy and safe. Review the last [newsletter](#), September is Whole Grains Month.



◆ **NASA Medical Quality Assurance Program:** The requirements of the NASA Medical Quality Assurance Program continue to be a high priority requirement for the OH clinics and a focus of the audit process. To assist centers in meeting the requirements, a series of checklists for Infection Control, Environment of Care, Credentialing and Privileging, Medication Management, and Emergency Crash Cart are available on the NASA OH Website [Policy](#) page. Provider credentials files and clinical privileges should be current and available for review. Peer Review activities must also be performed for each provider (physicians and mid-level providers) to establish "current competency."

◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- September 16-19 – Langley Research Center
- October 21-24 – White Sands Test Facility

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health VITS:**

- Environmental Health – September 10, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Promotion – September 11, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- EAP – October 1, 11:00-12:30 PM EDT

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