

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT
October 2008
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I. Congratulations To:

- **Multi-Agency**

Congratulations to CDR Henry McMillan, PT (OCCO) who completed a Graduate Certificate in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management from UNC-CH in July.

II. News From the Field:

- **IHS Multi-Site**

Koweta IHF, Coweta, OK

LCDR Delana Westman-Berry, PT and the Koweta Indian Health Facility PT staff hosted the 2nd Annual PT Olympics in honor of PT month with a great turn out this month.

- **IHS NM**

Laguna-Acoma

Received hand evaluation & treatment in-service from a hand surgeon and PT with specialty in hand; in-service was given to medical staff.

Shiprock

On 8/22/08, RADM Galson, Acting US Surgeon General attended the grand opening of the Northern Navajo Medical Center – Mid School Wellness Center.

- **Multi-Agency**

CAPT Karen Siegel, PT (AHRQ) chaired VA Rehabilitation Research and Development Merit Review panel on orthopaedics/amputation and served as assigned reviewer on 6 of 19 panel proposals 28-29 Aug 2008.

CAPT Karen Siegel, PT (AHRQ) moderated two sessions, one on topic refinement another on research gaps in systematic review at the evidence based practice center meeting held in conjunction with the AHRQ annual meeting 7-12 Sep 2008.

CDR Laura Grogan, OT (OSOPHS) served during the Democratic National Convention August 26-28, 2008 as a Safety Officer.

CDR Mercedes Benitez-McCrary, SLP (CMS) submitted an abstract and is anticipating presenting the procedures and techniques at COA as a general scientific session.

III. Welcome/ Farewell To:

- **IHS Multi-Site**

LCDR Richard Brantley, PT will be departing the Choctaw Nation Health Center on Oct. 23, 2008 and transferring to BOP Carswell in Ft. Worth, TX.

- **IHS NM**

Zuni

CDR Martha Duganne, PT will transfer back to Santa Fe Indian Health Service; her last day in Zuni is 10/31/08 with a start date at SFIHS on 11/3/08.

LCDR Karen Kilman, PT will transfer to BOP-Tucson, AZ with a departure from Zuni 10/31/08.

IV. Presentations:

- **NIH**

CDR Bart Drinkard, PT provided the following:

7/08/08: Presentation to RMD Grand rounds: "High Intensity Interval Training," NIH, Bethesda, MD

8/09/08: Poster presentation for NIH summer student Research Festival: McGary P, Drinkard B, Keyser R, Paul S, Arena R, Chan L, Diprospero N. "Aerobic Capacity in Children with Friedreich's Ataxia."

Dr. Holly Cintas, PT provided the following:

7/31/08: Presentation to Medical Consultation Team, Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation 16th Biennial National Conference, Crystal City, VA.

8/02/08: Presentation "Activities of Daily Living and Physical Therapy Strategies for Infants" with Michelle Hoffine, RN, Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation 16th Biennial National Conference, Crystal City VA

Ms. Ellen Levy, PT provided the following:

7/14/08 Guest speaker on the topic of "Recent Research in Breast Cancer Rehabilitation" to the Breast Cancer Support Group, Suburban Hospital.

V. Publications:

- **NIH**

CAPT Michael Smith, PT, and Hanna Hildenbrand, OT:

Smith MR, Hildenbrand H, Smith A.: "Sensory Motor & Functional Skills of Dizygotic Twins: One with Smith Magenis Syndrome and a Twin Control" Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics. Abstract: Research In Press.

Ms Ellen Levy, PT: Tarplin SJ, Levy E, Stout NL, Pfalzer L.: "Volume Changes of the Upper Limb After Breast Cancer Surgery," NIH Summer Research Program Abstract: Poster.

CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT, CAPT Fran Oakley, OT and Dr. Holly Cintas, PT: Sonies, B, Cintas, H, Parks, R, Miller, J, Caggiano, C, Gottshall, S, Gerber, L.: "Brief Assessment of Motor Function: Content Validity and Reliability of the Oral Motor Scales," American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. (In Press)

CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT:
Solomon B, Pfalzer C, Chan L, Parks R.: "Cancer Rehabilitation and Funding for Cancer Research," O'Dell M, ed., "Principles and Practice of Cancer Rehabilitation." (In Press)

CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT and CAPT Fran Oakley, OT:
"Occupational Therapists' Role on U.S. Army and U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Disaster Mental Health Response Teams," (2008) American Journal of Occupational Therapy, 62(3): 361-364.

CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT and Dr. Holly Cintas, PT:
Parks R, Cintas H, Chou Chaffin M, Gerber L.: "Brief Assessment of Motor Function (BAMF): Content Validity and Reliability of the Fine Motor Scale," (2007) Pediatric Physical Therapy, 19, 315-325.

VI. Deployments:

- **IHS Multi-Site**

- **Hastings IMC, Tahlequah, OK**

- LCDR Matthew Armentano, PT deployed to College Station, Texas in September 2008 in support of the hurricane relief efforts.

- **Choctaw Nation HCC, Talihina, OK**

- LCDR Richard Brantley, PT deployed to FMS Jackson and FMS Baton Rouge in support of Hurricane Gustav.

- **IHS NM**

- **Gallup**

- LCDR Ramon Ector, PT was deployed for 2 ½ weeks to Louisiana on 8/31/08 in support of the relief efforts for Hurricane Gustav.

- **Shiprock**

- LCDR Tom Schroeder, PT was deployed to Jackson MS and Baton Rouge, LA from Aug 31 to Sept 12, 2008 in support of the hurricane relief efforts.

- **IHS NW**

Couer d'Alene Tribe PT LLC, Plummer, ID

LCDR Dan Smith, PT deployed to Alexandria, Louisiana in support of relief efforts for hurricane Gustav and Ike 8/31/08-10/16/08.

LT Darren Heer, PT deployed to College Station, Texas in support of relief efforts for hurricane Ike, 09/22/08 to 9/28/08.

- **Multi-Agency**

CAPT Karen Siegel, PT (AHRQ) was on deployment serving in the role of Planning Section Chief, Federal Medical Station, College Station, TX, 19-27 Sep 2008.

CAPT Kevin Young, PT (CMS) was on deployment from October 10 – 27th, 2008 to support relief efforts for Hurricane Ike.

CDR Mercedes Benitez-McCrary, SLP (CMS) was on deployment to FMS at Texas A & M, College Station, Texas as a member of RDF#1 and served as Medical Records Director.

CDR David Byrne, AUD (CDC) was on deployment from August 31 to September 15 in the role of Executive Officer for a Federal Medical Station (FMS) set up at the LSU Agricultural Center in Alexandria, LA.

CDR Henry McMillan, PT (OCCO) was deployed as Operations Chief with RDF- Mississippi during Hurricane Gustav and Ike.

CDR Rita Shapiro, PT (FDA) was on deployment Sept 6-21, 2008 at College Station Texas as part of the RDF-1 Team as a physical therapist assigned to the Ancillary Division.

LCDR Doug Fiorentino, PT (FDA) was on deployment to College Station TX, 9/22-9/27 serving as a discharge planner and Deputy Chief of Ancillary Services.

LCDR Darren Orgel, PT (CMS) was on deployment to College Station, TX 9/6-9/24 in support of the hurricane relief efforts.

- **NIH**

CAPT Michael Smith, PT deployed to College Station, TX from 9/22/08 – 9/26/08 to provide assistance to those affected by the hurricane.

VII. Current Research:

- **NIH**

CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT: “A Study of Bevacizumab, a Humanized Monoclonal Antibody Against Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF), in Combination with Chemotherapy for Treatment of Osteosarcoma.”

VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider:

None