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Take Note:

◆ **Laura Huber** (CS) and **Delores Young** (HAS) have been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Contact **Lena Warren** (HR) for information.

◆ Health Information and Technology Week, Nov. 1-7 celebrates the accomplishments of thousands of HIM professionals. We are pleased to recognize the important role played by our employees in the Health Information Management Section (HAS).

◆ In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the EEO Committee is hosting a program at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10 in the Food Court's Tiger Room. **Bruce Young**, Director of Central Missouri Subcontracting Enterprises, a sheltered workshop, will be the featured speaker.

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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY FEATURES LOCAL ANCHOR

A Veterans Day ceremony is scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in the first floor lobby at Truman VA. **Sarah Hill**, KOMU-TV (NBC) news personality and anchor, will be the featured speaker. She is an outspoken supporter for the local "Honor Flight" program that enables WWII Veterans to visit Wash-

ington, DC and the WWII Memorial. Winners of the annual Veterans Day essay contest for junior and senior high school students in the Columbia Public School District will be recognized and portions of the winning essays will be read. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.



PATTERSON NAMED NETWORK CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER



William Patterson, MD, Chief of Staff at Truman VA since Dec. 2000, has been appointed Chief Medical Officer

for the VA Heartland Network (VISN 15). He served as Director, Primary Care Service Line, from January 1998 to February 2000, when he was appointed Acting Chief of Staff. He began his VA career in 1986 as a Consultant, later serving as Assistant Chief of Medical Service from 1993 to 1996, followed by Chief of Medical Service from 1996 to 1997.

by a residency and fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology at the University of Missouri. He is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Missouri.

Lana Zerrer, MD, will continue to serve as Acting Chief of Staff until further notice.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. local time on Sunday, Nov. 1. Please remem-

ber to "fall back" by setting your clocks back an hour.



STAFF APPOINTMENT NEWS

Greta Crisp has been appointed as the Supervisory Inventory Management Specialist for Truman VA. In that capacity, she will supervise Logistics (FIN).

Crystal Aholt has been selected as the new Manager of Performance Improvement (PI) for the medical center. She will replace **Linda McGary**, who will retire in January.

Tim Carter, RN, will serve as the Acting Nurse Manager for the Operating Room, Same Day Surgery and PACU. He temporarily replaces **Marie Hulett, RN**, who has been selected for a position with the VA Heartland Network.

Greta

Crystal

Tim

GEHA?

Mail Handlers?

BC/BS?

2009 HEALTH INSURANCE FAIR

All employees are invited to attend the 2009 Health Insurance Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center, room D-308. Representatives from various insur-

ance plans will be available to answer questions and distribute information about the 2010 plans. Open season to make changes in your Federal Employee Health Benefits plan is scheduled from

Nov. 9 to Dec. 14. For questions or more information, contact **Anna Kahle** (HR) at extension 56399.

VA / DOD HOST NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Earlier this week, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) hosted a national summit to address the mental health care needs of America's military personnel, families and Veterans, harnessing the programs, resources and expertise of both departments to deal with the aftermath of the battlefield. Par-

ticipants included mental health experts from both departments and more than 57 non-government organizations. Striking down the stigma associated with the mental health risks of service in a combat zone is among the priorities of the joint VA-DoD campaign on mental health for service members, Veterans and families. A final

report following the summit will summarize policies, programs and practices that show promise for enhancing the well-being and care for individual service members and Veterans as a matter of public health and an opportunity to engage in a broad response throughout the nation.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REVIEW PROGRAM

Peggy Wilburn, Supervisor, Ward Administration (PS), has been appointed for a three-year term as the Controlled Substance Coordinator. She replaces **Vickie Stockglauer**, Compliance Officer. In addition, **Kathy Kormann, RN**,

MRSA Coordinator, has been appointed as the Alternate Controlled Substance Coordinator. As such, Peggy and Kathy will provide oversight to the operation of this high profile review program.



O I & T “COMPUTER CORNER”

CPRS version 27.90 was installed on Sept. 9. Some of the changes include:

Ability to remove a surrogate with a single button.

Follow these steps:

Tools menu

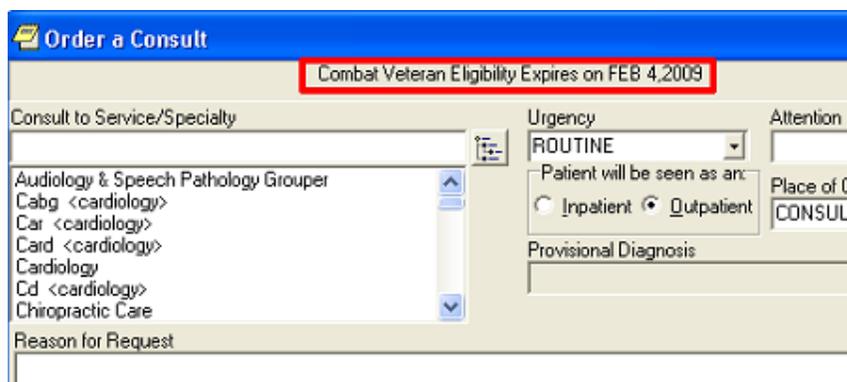
>> Options

>> Notifications tab

>> Surrogate Settings



The Combat Veteran marker is now displayed in the Consult order dialog at the very top of the dialog:



SF-513 Form:

Several changes were made to this form. Here is a list:

1. At the top of the page, the Combat Veteran marker displays with the demographic information.

2. The patient's name was moved to the top of this form.
3. When printed the patient's identifying information will be printed at the top of each page.
4. Also when printed, a number will appear at the bottom of each page.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES FOLLOW-UP

The following employees demonstrated their school pride in recognition of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week on Sept. 30:

Tina Armstrong, RN, Nurse Recruiter (PS), Lincoln University graduate

Natalie Russell, RN, Staff Nurse (PS), Lincoln University graduate

Jason Groce, Administrative Support Assistant (HR), Lincoln University master's student

Leslie Slade, Medical Support Assistant (SC), parent of Lincoln University graduate.

Virginia Law, LCSW, Social Worker (PS), Spelman College and Howard University graduate

Desirae White, RN, Staff Nurse (PC), Lincoln University graduate.



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I want to bring to your attention the outstanding care my father has received in your VA hospice unit. I am very delighted to have spent time in your facility over the past week with my father. In the short amount of time he has been in your care I have observed the best care anyone could ever hope to receive. Your staff's professional and courteous attitude, expert knowledge and patience in handling my father's specific condition are first-rate.

I am in the National Guard and may be deploying for a third time since 2005. You and your staff's care for my father will give me peace that he has the best care available. This is one less concern for me and I am deeply appreciative of your assistance and support.

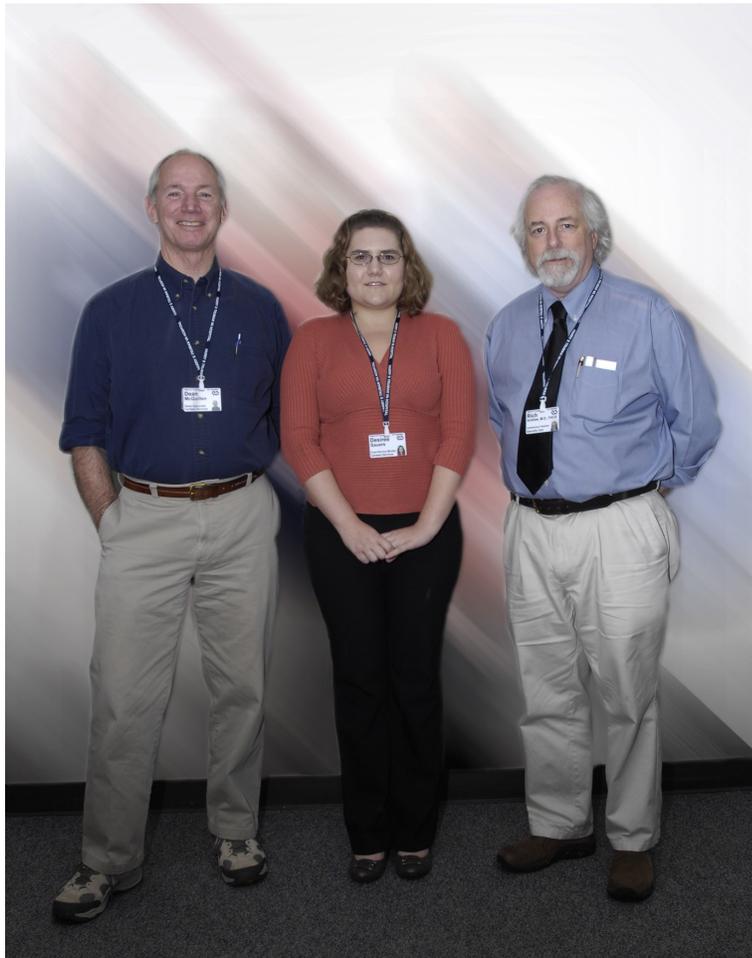
Sincerely,
JB

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NEW EMPLOYEES



WELCOME

Dean McQuillen,
Sales Associate (Canteen)

Desiree Sauers,
Food Service Worker (Canteen)

Andrew Rich, MD,
Staff Cardiothoracic Surgeon (SC)

NOT PICTURED:

Jennifer Wade,
Physical Therapy Trainee (CS)

FAREWELL

Marie Hulett, RN, Nurse Manager (PS)

Peter Jiang, MD, Staff Physician (PC)

Simin Ovais, MD, Staff Physician (PC)

ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM? THANK A VETERAN!