



Web Sitings

Military Health Headquarters

For up-to-date reports on the health and protection of deployed military forces and veterans, click over to the new Institute of Medicine (IOM) Health of Veterans and Deployed Forces web site (veterans.iom.edu). VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi describes the web site as “one more tool available to veterans, health care practitioners, and others interested in the well-being of our veterans.”

The site features separate sections on health care issues of the following major military conflicts: World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War. At each section, you can read electronic versions or buy hard copies of IOM reports and surveys.

There are lists of all the IOM's ongoing projects and completed reports related to veterans and deployment health. You'll also find profiles of chemical and biological agents associated with military health problems. Finally,



there's a section on deployment health that addresses vaccine acquisition and availability for U.S. military personnel, the health effects of nuclear testing, and other health information and protection strategies for deployed troops.

Palliative Care Connection

In support of their mission to build a communication network for providers working within hospice and palliative care, the VA Offices of Geriatrics and Extended Care and of Academic Affiliations have launched a new web site: the VA Palliative Care Network (www.hospice.va.gov). The network makes information available on the web site itself and in

a bimonthly electronic newsletter.

Within the web site, you can learn about the new VA and community hospice partnership program, take a virtual tour of a VA hospice facility, apply for a fellowship in palliative care training, share your thoughts with others involved in hospice and palliative care on the interactive web board, get information about upcoming meetings and events, or explore the Palliative Care Virtual Journal Club—which reviews germane articles and poses “food for thought” questions. Make sure you browse the Palliative Care Network's Hall of Fame, which recognizes health care providers making a positive impact on this field of patient care. You also can access important VA forms and templates,

including the Home Hospice Referral Template and the Palliative Care Nursing Screen. The newsletter, which highlights advances in education and training in hospice and palliative care, currently is sent to 1,000 VA subscribers.

The web site welcomes input from VA employees as to how the VA health care system can foster advancements in the field of hospice and palliative care and improve the quality of care to veterans at all stages of life. ●



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