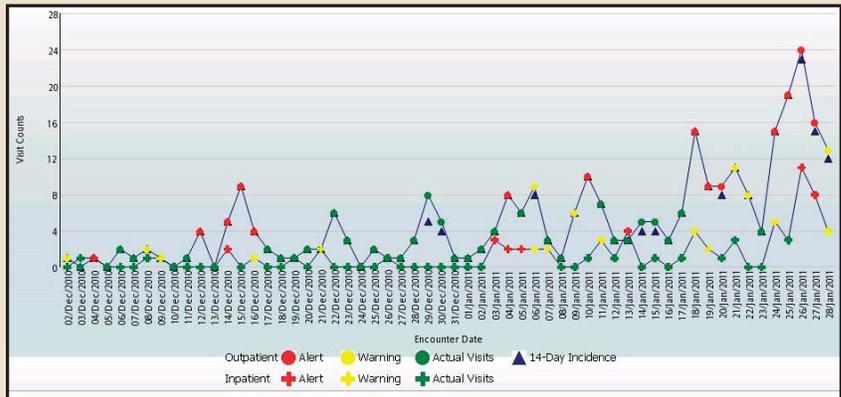


## ESSENCE Block III Scheduled for Release in November

ESSENCE Block III which is scheduled to be released to users in November offers the following enhanced medical surveillance capabilities:

CAPER – The Comprehensive Ambulatory/ Professional Encounter Record (CAPER) will replace the Standard Ambulatory Data Record as the source data feed. CAPER provides a higher degree of standardization among related but separate data, resulting in a more robust set of ambulatory data for the Military Health System.

- *Disposition* – Thanks to the CAPER data feed, ESSENCE users can see and report separate dispositions for outpatients and inpatients.
- *Chief Complaint* – Users will be able to view and report chief complaints in ESSENCE.
- *Disease & Injury* - The reporting categories of Disease and Injury have been added to the existing syndromes reported in ESSENCE.
- *Laboratory Results* – Lab results will be reported in ESSENCE through an HL7 lab results data feed.
- *Reportable Medical Events* – The ESSENCE Reportable Disease report has been renamed Reportable Medical Events and will include lab results data.



This new time series screen shot from ESSENCE Block III shows the enhanced reporting capabilities of inpatient and outpatient alerts.

### Initial Impact to Users Regarding Upgrade to ESSENCE Block III

The GIS capability within ESSENCE will be temporarily unavailable to users when ESSENCE Block III is deployed. GIS functionality will be reintroduced in the future.

### Training Scheduled for ESSENCE Block III

The ESSENCE product team is preparing instructor-led user training on ESSENCE Block III capabilities. ESSENCE users will be invited to join a “virtual” classroom session on Block III training. Two training sessions are planned. The first will be held on Nov. 15 and the second session will be scheduled for early December. Users will be notified once the training schedule is finalized.

Used by epidemiologists and public health experts, ESSENCE tracks and reports unusual trends by types of illnesses over time and by patient or treatment location. ESSENCE receives and analyzes data on approximately 90,000 daily outpatient, pharmacy, and emergency department visits within Department of Defense healthcare facilities worldwide.

For additional assistance or support with ESSENCE, please contact the MHS Service Desk at 1-800-600-9332 or by e-mail to [mhssc@timpo.osd.mil](mailto:mhssc@timpo.osd.mil).

# DHSS Team Presents DMLSS at Theater Medical Logistics Conference

*As Sayliyah, Qatar—Members of the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support team attended the Theater Medical Logistics Conference hosted by the US Army Medical Materiel Command - Southwest Asia at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar. Over 120 participants attended from across the Services as well as representatives from the Department of State. The key speakers were the medical logisticians on the ground in-theater. DMLSS Project Manager Garry Duvall, of DHSS, chaired the breakout session on the Defense Medical Logistics Standards Support application and the use of DMLSS in combat support hospitals.*



*The DMLSS team at the conference are (from left) Theo Baxter, Garry Duvall, Sean Morgan, and Rocky Henemyer.*

Feedback from the conference presentations indicates that the medical resupply and DHSS logistics systems in-theater function well. DHSS has four robust, mission-specific logistics systems deployed in Central Command. They are DMLSS, Patient Movement Items Tracking System, DMLSS Customer Assistance Module, and the Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics System. PMITS electronically tracks medical equipment used during aeromedical evacuations. DCAM allows users to view and order from the DMLSS' electronic supply catalog. DMLSS offers a comprehensive range of medical materiel, equipment, war reserve materiel, and facilities management for tertiary care facilities. TEWLS provides the intermediate medical logistics warehouse

functions and consolidates national, regional, and deployed units into a single business environment.

To continue to improve service to medical logisticians and patients, over the next 12 months DHSS will champion improvements in communication among the Services and individual Commands by talking early and often. DHSS will also review the medical logistics training programs of the Services, the MHS, and transitioning units to identify gaps and make recommendations for improvements.

For additional information about DHSS Medical Logistics and its capabilities, please log on to [health.mil/dhss](http://health.mil/dhss).

## DHSS In the News

### **PMITS Featured on Air Mobility Command Website.**

The Patient Movement Items Tracking System is featured in the latest news section of the official website of the Air Mobility Command. To read the article, please click onto this link: <http://www.amc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123250506>

### **PMI Program featured in The Mobility Forum magazine**

The Patient Movement Items program is featured in the latest issue of The Mobility Forum magazine. To read the article, please click onto this link: <http://bit.ly/oJUJST>

## PMITS Training Courses to Be Released on MHS Learn in November

*MHS Learn will release two training courses as part of the Version 2.0 release of PMITS in November.*

The new courses, which feature the first use of avatars on MHS Learn, are "PMITS Overview and Basics," and "Working with PMITS." The first course introduces users to PMITS and its mission and the second describes how to work directly with version 2.0 of PMITS.

The courses will be on <https://mhslearn.csd.disa.mil>. For additional assistance or support with MHS Learn, please contact the MHS Service Desk at 1-800-600-9332 or by e-mail to [mhssc@timpo.osd.mil](mailto:mhssc@timpo.osd.mil).



*Screen shots of the PMITS Avator training on MHS Learn.*

## EAS IV Version 5.3 Deployed on Oct. 29, 2011

EAS IV version 5.3 was deployed on Saturday, Oct. 29. This release includes user enhancements such as edit checks to ensure all expenses are fully allocated. This release should improve system performance as well as efficiency of Business Objects reports. Performance of the EAS IV Repository will be enhanced by parsing the database into numerous instances containing five fiscal years of data.

## TRICARE TV Now Offering TRICARE Online Overview

*TRICARE TV is now offering an overview of TRICARE Online's capabilities and shows users how to access the MHS patient web portal.*

The video demonstrates the following key features of TRICARE Online and shows TRICARE beneficiaries how to:

- Access their health care data online using a common access card or DoD Self Service Logon account
- View or download their personal health data via the Blue Button
- Schedule, view, or cancel family member appointments at local military treatment facilities online seven days a week, 24 hours a day
- Order prescription refills, check the status of a prescription, and link directly to the TRICARE mail order pharmacy

To view the new TRICARE TV overview of TRICARE Online, please click onto this link  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7VeUlyTMa4&feature=channel\\_video\\_title](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7VeUlyTMa4&feature=channel_video_title)

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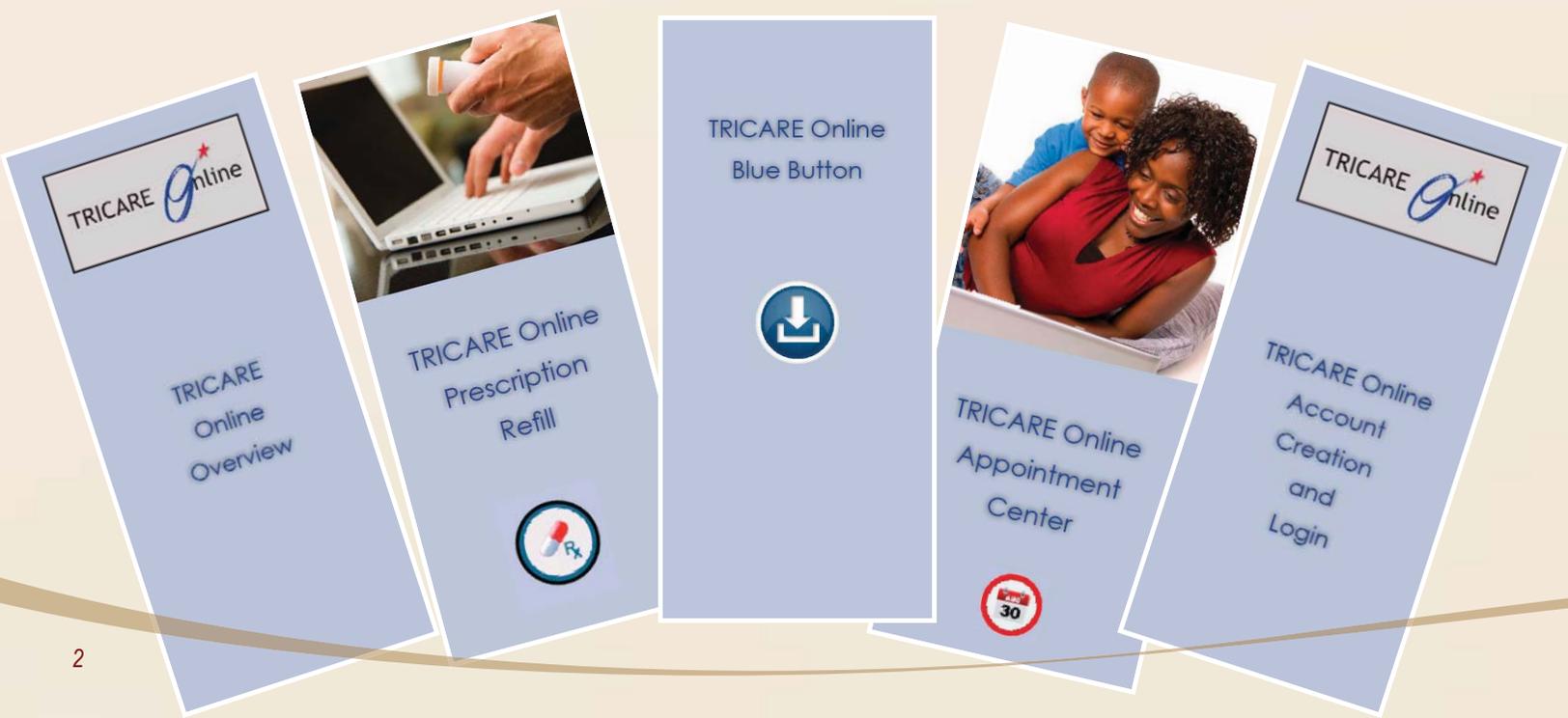
# New and Updated TRICARE Online Brochures Available on Health.mil/dhss

New and updated TRICARE Online brochures with step-by-step instructions on how to best access the capabilities within TRICARE Online are now available at [health.mil/dhss](http://health.mil/dhss). The brochures are available at the DHSS TRICARE Online product page which can be accessed by clicking onto this link [http://www.health.mil/MHSCIO/programs\\_products/DHSS/DHSS-Products/TOL.aspx](http://www.health.mil/MHSCIO/programs_products/DHSS/DHSS-Products/TOL.aspx)

The following brochures about TRICARE Online are now available.

- TOL Overview – Learn about TRICARE Online, the Department of Defense’s online patient Web portal and its available healthcare services.
- TOL Account Creation and Log In – Learn how to create a TRICARE Online account, the types of accounts, and how to access TRICARE Online
- TOL Blue Button - Learn how to review and download personal health data, review medication, allergy, and partial demographic profile information, lab results, problem lists, and encounter data
- TOL Appointment Center – learn how to schedule, view, set reminders, and cancel both primary care and select self-referral specialty appointments for individual beneficiaries and family members
- TOL Rx Refill - Learn how to request one or more prescription refills, check the status of prescriptions, and link to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy to schedule home delivery

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## **TRICARE Online Blue Button Team Receives 2011 GCN IT Achievement Award**

*The TRICARE Online team received the Government Computer News Award for IT Achievement for the TOL Blue Button during a gala ceremony near Washington, D.C., on Oct. 19.*

The GCN Awards honor federal and state and local government for their extraordinary IT accomplishments and significant contributions to the performance of their agencies. "These awards recognize the best of breed for the top IT programs across the public sector," said GCN editor-in-chief Paul McCloskey.

Presenting the 2011 IT Achievements awards were McCloskey and Gala sponsor Linda Gooden, Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin. This is the 24th year GCN has presented IT Achievement awards to innovative federal, state, and local government teams.

Built and managed by the Defense Health Services Systems Clinical Support Division for the Department of Defense Military Health System, the TOL Blue Button makes it easier for DoD beneficiaries to actively manage their own healthcare. To read the GCN story about the TOL Blue Button team, please click onto this link <http://gcn.com/Articles/2011/10/17/Tricare-Blue-Button-Profile-Main.aspx>The



*The 2011 IT Achievement Award for the TRICARE Online Blue Button team was accepted by DHSS Clinical Support Deputy Program Manager Jenna Noble, right. Standing with her are (from left) Linda Gooden, TOL Project Controller Stan Adamus, and Paul McCloskey.*

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