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◆ **2011 NASA Occupational Health (OH) Meeting Registration is Now Open:** [Registration](#) is now open and the [Agenda](#) is now available on [the OH Meeting website](#). This meeting is held under the guidance of an official NASA Training meeting. As in the past there is no registration fee; however, you are responsible for travel and accommodation expenses. The annual OH Meeting is the only meeting dedicated solely to the NASA OH program. The meeting has averaged over 100 attendees during the last six years and continues to be a wonderful opportunity to network with your NASA Center Colleagues in a variety of sessions designed to stimulate discussion on a wide variety of current OH issues.

◆ **EHR Update:** There have been weekly meetings with LRC clinic staff and the IH staff in preparation for their Medgate GX training in June. This preparation will assist us in tailoring the training to meet the needs of the Center. The Agency OH staff has completed the testing of Medgate sp2b upgrade. This service pack has successfully resolved several of the issues experienced during the SSC implementation.

◆ **HealthierYou 2011:** The Walk to Wellness (WTW) Campaign is established around a Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth Module that is accessible on time-limited basis. The Program is mainly intended for those with limited activity. However, physically active employees have enrolled in the past with good results to push themselves beyond their routine; they either walk more or jog a longer distance. The WTW Campaign period is May 4-31st. The enrollment



period ends on May 3rd so we have two more days to spread the word on this NASA wide effort. Employees who are registered on the EmbodyHealth will have a one step process, enrolling in the Campaign. Those who are not registered users will have a two step process, register on the portal then enroll in WTW by visiting the Media Window (rotating images) of the EmbodyHealth. We will be receiving Center specific participation data including how many employees have enrolled from each Center and how many have completed the program. Outcomes data will be in aggregate format only. Please spread the word and make the 2011 Campaign our best yet.

◆ **MSFC Clinic Receives 3 Year Accreditation** The occupational health services clinic at Marshall Space Flight Center recently received a three year term of accreditation from the [Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.](#)



(AAAHC). AAAHC is one of the leading organizations committed to developing standards to advance and promote patient safety, quality and value for ambulatory health care through peer-based accreditation processes, education and research. The team at MSFC did an outstanding job of bringing the Medical Center program into “substantial compliance” with the association’s accreditation standards. We are very proud of this significant accomplishment.

◆ **NASA Health Physicists Host Successful Meeting in Washington DC:** Over 25 personnel participated in the NASA Health Physics (HP) Meeting covering topics in both the ionizing and non ionizing areas. The meeting was held in the Glennan Conference Center at NASA HQ. Onsite lectures were also provided at both the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Gaithersburg, MD facility. At both locations onsite HP staff provided presentations regarding their respective HP Programs. The picture is from NIH and includes many of the meeting’s participants.



◆ **Dryden IH Successfully Completes the Certified Industrial Hygiene (CIH) Exam:** This past month a Dryden Flight Center (DFRC) IH successfully completed the [CIH exam](#). Congratulations to *Charlie Patanasiri* from DFRC on this noteworthy professional accomplishment.



◆ **Developing an IH Course for STEP Program:** The NASA Safety Center (NSC) is looking for some help in developing a 2 - 3 day class with an EH slant. This course will be used for the STEP Program, in STEP level #2. The NSC is looking for our help in identifying course content and reviewing material. If you’re interested in helping please contact [Guy Camomilli](#) for more information

◆ **NPR 8715.1 is being Revised:** The NASA [Occupational Safety and Health Programs Policy](#) is currently being revised. Be on the lookout for the new revision.

◆ **NASA OH Center Review Update:** The current Review Calendar for the remainder of 2011 and 2012 can be found at the [Center Review Schedule page](#). The OCHMO Review team will begin using the NASA Safety SAARIS audit tool. In the future the use of this audit database tool will align many audit mechanics with those of the NASA Safety audit process. The next OH Center Review in 2011 is listed below;

- May 2-6, Glenn Research Center
- ◆ **Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:**
- Fitness ViTS – May 3, 2:00-3:00 EST
- Workers’ Compensation ViTS – May 10, 11:00-12:00 EST
- EH ViTS – May 12, 2:30-3:30 EST

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