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QUARTERLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

MOBILE APPLICATIONS

Happtique Announces First Mobile App Prescribing Program for Healthcare

May. 10, 2012 (PR Newswire)

Happtique, Inc., a mobile health application store and app management solution for providers, physicians, and the patients they serve, will launch a trial of mRx™, the first program to enable physicians to prescribe mHealth apps to patients...[More](#)

VA creating tablet-based triage system for its ERs

January 30, 2012 (Fierce Mobile Healthcare)

The Veteran Health Administration is continuing its move to tablet-based clinical practice with new emergency room triage software the agency says will debut in August. The solution--ER Mobile--is basically a mobile upgrade of the call-center based triage service DHSI has provided to the VHA for more than 12 years...[More](#)

VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS

Virtual Reality Therapy To Treat Fear Of Flying

April 15, 2012 (No Camels)

Are you afraid of flying? The University of Haifa in Israel claims it has recently implemented an effective and proven form of therapy that uses virtual reality technology to treat the common phobia. While lending itself to a wide range of disciplines, the technological advancement known as virtual reality continues to shift beyond the world of games...[More](#)

Virtual Reality Contact Lenses Could Be Available by 2014

February 2, 2012 (Scientific American)

The tiny full-color megapixel displays could be the ultimate computer interface for troops--transparent and hands-free. Contact lenses that help enhance normal vision with megapixel 3D panoramic images are being designed by scientists using military funding...[More](#)

TELEHEALTH

VA Division Saves \$742,000 With Telehealth

February 8, 2012 (InformationWeek)

Northwestern Veterans Affairs network deploys videoconferencing, remote monitors to care for far-flung wounded warriors, extend reach of specialists. A single veterans hospital in rural Oregon saved more than \$88,000 in travel expenses during fiscal year 2011 by shifting 3,224 patient encounters from in-person visits to telehealth services, according to a nursing executive there...[More](#)

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTHCARE

Telehealth tool could improve behavioral healthcare for soldiers

April 19, 2012 (Fierce Health IT)

A new tool designed to supplement online mental health counseling will help improve telehealth efforts to service members and veterans. The tool--created by Charlestown, Mass.-based Cogito Corp.--consists of "social signs processing" technology that identifies signs of psychological stress in patients' speech patterns, social behavior and other cues, according to company officials...[More](#)

at DoD Telehealth Gap Analysis and Strategic Plan



TELEHEALTH, REVIEW, ANALYSIS & STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE

Telehealth (TH) has been part of DoD healthcare for two decades. Due to separate developmental pathways, significant Telemental Health (TMH) and general TH approach variances have developed across the Military Health System (MHS). These serve as barriers to TH development. Therefore, the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (OSD-CAPE) mandated a TMH Gap Analysis and development of a TMH Strategic Plan. This task was assigned to T2 which created the Telehealth Review, Analysis, and Strategic Planning (TRASP) Initiative.

The TRASP TMH and Related TH Issues Gap Analysis was submitted by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs [ASD(HA)] to OSD-CAPE on 23 April 2012. It addressed TH barriers and solutions, describing a TH system vital to the MHS vision of supporting our force and their families in effective, consistent and person-centered ways, and enhancing readiness. T2 is working on the TMH/TH Strategic Plan.

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