# COVID in 20

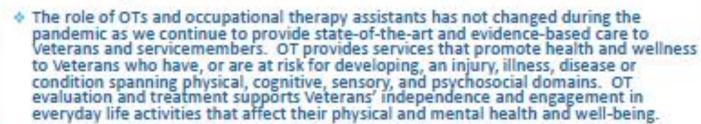
- Call starts at 4:30 pm ET
- Audio
  - Participants are muted use Q & A to interact
  - Use Adobe Connect to listen
  - If needed, use VANTS 1 800 767 1750 then 12328
- Recordings will be available soon after the live event at <u>EM</u> <u>Community of Practice Website.</u>
- Adobe Connect accessible outside the network on your personal computer and phone.



### Occupational Therapy (OT) Good News!

#### OTs role during the Pandemic:

Minneapolis VA iPad Video Monitoring & Assessment (IVMA) Pilot Program





**OT at Cincinnati VA** setting up 3D printing for masks and shields

As of June 8, 2020, VA OT practitioners provided over 20,000 FY 20 telehealth visits to meet our Veterans rehabilitation needs and keep them safe



**OT in Acute Care** 

Cincinnati VA Early OT has the potential to reduce hospital stay, increase functional outcomes, and results in less ventilated days (Schweickert et al., 2000)



Puget Sound VA OTs leading facility mask making project

#### Acute Care OT During COVID: Team Comments

"OT is able to assess patients' strengths and limitations using functional assessments and relate it to how patients will be able to rehabilitate and reintegrate back into their lives to really maintain as much independence as possible."

-MD

"OT is the tool to enable independence. -RN



#### Resources:

- Previous OTTown Hall meeting / presentations: Shared evidence, experience, and

  - http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/pu8hpl46mgrv/
- "Leveraging Telehealth During the COVID-10 Pandemic to Increase Access and Promote Optimal Health," June 23, at 1:00 ET
  - Adobe connect: http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/occutherapy/

"You get them out of their hole. OT teaches them that they don't have to rely on others... you can do this for yourself!" -RN

# CONGRATULATIONS JEROME ROWE - CHAI Award Winner



Jerome Rowe, Prosthetic Clerk, Montgomery, AL Mr. Rowe shipped out over 200 pairs of shoes to our Veterans. Under normal circumstances Veterans would have had to come into the facility for this. Moreover, Mr. Rowe volunteered to work in the manpower pool to assist Incident Command with tasks they needed to accomplish to meet the current needs of our Veterans and the facility.

Nominated by: Fikisha Cooper

#### Hallelujah – Jennifer Hudson



#### WELCOME

## Nancy Schmid, RN

#### Associate Director of Patient Care Services

Coatesville VAMC







## WELCOME Lisa Bailey, RN Certified Infection

## Control Nurse

Northport VAMC



# COVID Unplugged

An Independence Day special 1-hour live event of COVID in 20

Air date: Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 430 EST

- Return of past presenters discussing lessons learned
- Live music
- Tribute to the armed forces

## GOOD NEWS PAGE

#### The CHAI Award

## <u>COVID-19 Hero</u> <u>Award for Innovation</u>

An award to celebrate hard work and innovation in the face of COVID

Not your average cup of Chai!

#### We would love to hear your stories!

Have good news, success stories, innovative ideas from the front line, funny videos?

#### **Please share them with us!**

We will feature selected stories here!

- Please submit videos in .mov or .MP4 format
- Try to keep videos around a minute long
- If recording on a smartphone, shoot video sideways
- We plan to share one submission per *COVID in 20* episode.
- Be creative!

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