

COVID *in 20*

WELCOME “CHAI”



- 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 [EM Community of Practice Website](#).
- Adobe Connect accessible outside the network – on your personal computer and phone.

Occupational Therapy (OT) Good News!

OTs role during the Pandemic:

- ♦ The role of OTs and occupational therapy assistants has not changed during the pandemic as we continue to provide state-of-the-art and evidence-based care to Veterans and servicemembers. OT provides services that promote health and wellness to Veterans who have, or are at risk for developing, an injury, illness, disease or condition spanning physical, cognitive, sensory, and psychosocial domains. OT evaluation and treatment supports Veterans' independence and engagement in everyday life activities that affect their physical and mental health and well-being.

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



Puget Sound VA OTs leading facility mask making project

Acute Care OT During COVID: Team Comments

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., 2009)

"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

"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

Resources:

- ♦ Previous OTTown Hall meeting / presentations: Shared evidence, experience, and resources to address COVID pandemic issues:
 - ♦ <http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/pnlnoxt36mtj/>
 - ♦ <http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/pubhpl46mqrv/>
- ♦ "Leveraging Telehealth During the COVID-19 Pandemic to Increase Access and Promote Optimal Health," June 23, at 1:00 ET
 - ♦ Adobe connect: <http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/occuthrapy/>



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



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



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Nancy Schmid, RN
Associate Director of
Patient Care Services

Coatesville VAMC



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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 2nd @ 430 EST**

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



GOOD NEWS PAGE

The CHAI Award



CCOVID-19 HHero AAward for IInnovation

*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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