

ENGINEERING, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Facilities Management

Joint Services Medical Facilities Management Course

The dates have been set for the FY 1998 Joint Services Medical Facilities Management Course, which is held at Sheppard AFB in Texas. The course will be offered 21 Jan - 6 Feb 98, 11-27 Mar 98, 6-22 May 98, and 12-28 Aug 98. Medical facilities managers have first priority for attendance. However, directors of medical logistics, assistant facilities managers, safety officers, regional health facilities officers, and others associated with the medical facilities management program may attend on a space available basis. Contact your Unit Training Manager or your major command (MAJCOM) Facilities Management representative for sign-up instructions.

1998 Joint Services Medical Facilities Management Symposium

Mark your calendars! This year's symposium will be held 13-17 July 1998 at the Convention Center in Denver Colorado. Preliminary information will be distributed as soon as the hotel arrangements have been finalized.

Request for Symposium Presenters

Speaking of the symposium, we're looking for Air Force facilities management / safety personnel to give presentations at the 1998 symposium. Preference will be given to presentations that focus on innovative ways of getting the job done. If you are interested in giving a presentation, or if you have an idea for a presentation topic, please contact Capt Bob Zak at DSN 343-4081 or zakr@ftdetrk-ccmail.army.mil.

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) Survey Experience Needed

If you've recently been through a JCAHO survey, your input is needed to help others prepare for their survey!!! Please post your thoughts and recommendations on the AFMLO HOME PAGE CONFERENCE FORUM. The address is <http://140.139.13.36/afmlo>. Click on "Information Room - Forums and Papers." Then click on "Conference Forum." We especially need feedback on specific JCAHO surveyors. For example, Lackland AFB recently posted a request for information on a surveyor named Mr. Joseph Gordon. If you have any information, please add it to the conference forum message entitled, "JCAHO EC Plan".

Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support (DMLSS) Deployment Schedule

The latest DMLSS deployment schedule extends through 3 July 1998. It can be found at the following internet address:

<http://usafsg2.satx.disa.mil/~sgsl/DMLSS/FCSsk ed.html>.

Continuation of Real Property Installed Equipment (RPIE)/Room Inventory Project

We recently sent out an e-mail message which gave details on the continuation of the Real Property Installed Equipment (RPIE)/Room Inventory Project in support of DMLSS-FM deployment. The e-mail was sent to those MTFs scheduled to receive RPIE/Room inventory services during FY 98. The entire message is also posted on the AFMLO Home Page. Click on "Clinical Engineering Page" then "Facilities Management Page." The information is located under the "RPIE Inventory" heading.

(AFMLO/FOM-F, Maj Dick Hart (DSN 343-4081), Capt Rhonda Hillman (DSN 343-2117), and Capt Bob Zak (DSN 343-4031)

Quality Assurance

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recalls/Alert Notices

Attachment 2, paragraph 1, provides information on FDA medical equipment recalls and alerts. Personnel from clinical engineering, biomedical equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and safety should follow the guidance provided to ensure the effective maintenance and management of medical equipment. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Medical Equipment Incident - Information Exchange

A summary of a recent incident involving medical equipment is listed below. This summary is provided for information only and does not constitute a recall or a requirement to perform the sort of inspection and reporting associated with equipment hazards; it is strictly for information purposes.

Tables, Examination/Treatment, MDC 13958, Model 4400, Hausmann Industries, Inc.

An activity reports the accidental storage of combustibles in the instrument warming drawer (option #094) of the exam table. Towels were discovered in the warming drawer during a routine preventive maintenance (PM) inspection by the biomedical equipment technicians (BMETs). The towels were scorched and hot to the touch. Option #094 consists of a double, 15 watt light fixture that provides heat to warm metal instruments stored in the drawer. The operator's manual clearly warns that medicines or combustibles should not be stored in the warming drawer. A possible precautionary safety action would be to place a warning label on exam table drawers equipped with warming units.

Thanks to MSgt Steven Bolby, 347th Medical Group, Moody AFB, for passing on a summary of this incident. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Type III Materiel Complaints - Information Exchange

A summary of the most recent medical materiel complaints involving medical equipment is listed below. This summary is provided for information only. Please note the complaints have not yet been validated. They do not constitute a recall or a requirement to perform the sort of inspection and reporting associated with equipment hazards. If you have experienced a similar problem locally, please submit an SF 380 in accordance with AFMAN 23-110, Vol. 5, Chapter 19. It is important that we receive documentation of equipment problems since severity and impact of a materiel defect is frequently judged by the number of separate complaints received.

Batteries, Medical Device, MDC 16337, LP5-FP, Alexander Batteries

An activity reported several incidents where the Alexander batteries overheated while being charged using the Physio Control Battery Support System. Overheating resulted in damage to the battery cases and, in one instance, damage to the Battery Support System. Physio Control's guidance states that non-Physio Control defibrillation batteries, electrodes, accessories, or adapter devices may void safety agency certifications and warranty. Physio Control also stated that they have seen various problems with after market batteries that cause them to overheat during charging cycles, including low cell impedance and faulty diodes.

AFMLO recommends using only Physio-Control batteries. Replacement batteries can be purchased from Physio-Control at a cost of \$88 per battery. This price is available using the DBPA established by the VA buyer at AFMLO. The DBPA contract number is V797(F1)P-BPA-97-00002. The complete contract was included in AFMLL 26-96. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Medical Equipment Management

FREE DEN-TAL-EZ Technical Training Course

DEN-TAL-EZ, Inc. is now offering a Technical Training Course in Lancaster, PA. The course is open to all equipment service personnel and supply personnel who handle dental equipment and handpieces. Courses will be offered on a monthly basis and will cover intense training on a variety of DEN-TAL-EZ equipment (chairs, units, lights, air compressors, vacuum systems, HDX intraoral x-ray unit) and the full line of STAR Dental handpieces.

There is **no charge** for the four-day course and hotel accommodations **are** provided. Attendees will be responsible for travel and per diem. Space is limited to 18 people per class.

The following dates are scheduled for training. Reservations can be made by calling Kathy Fuhs at 1-800-293-5206, extension 1357 or fax to 610-725-9894.

January 5 - 9, 1998	July 13 - 17, 1998
February 2 - 6, 1998	August 3 - 7, 1998
March 2 - 6, 1998	September 14 - 18, 1998
April 6 - 10, 1998	October 5 - 9, 1998
May 4 - 8, 1998	November 2 - 6, 1998
June 1 - 5, 1998	December 7 - 11, 1998

After you have made your reservation, DEN-TAL-EZ will forward you a course package. The package will contain the itinerary schedule, hotel location/directions, and airport and driving directions. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Shared Procurement Equipment Items Currently Available

AFMLL 04-97, Attachment 1, pages 1 and 2, is a list of all current Shared Procurement contracts and optional contracts available through the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC). If you plan to order any of these items for your facility, use the specific ordering instructions and overall program guidance contained in AFMLL 04-96, pages CE-4 and CE-5. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

“Piggyback” Contracts Currently Available

AFMLL 16-96, Attachment 1, pages 4 and 5, is a list of all current “piggyback” contracts currently available through DPSC. These contracts will allow facilities to “piggyback” requirements onto existing orders placed for specific quantities. Many of these contracts are designed to buy large quantities at reduced prices, and are written with the option of buying additional quantities at the same price. The list includes available quantities and “Order By” dates. To order, send your MILSTRIP requisitions to DPSC, and reference the contract number (from the listing) in the notes section. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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