



# The Pulse

A compilation of news from around  
Regional Health Command – Central  
Sept 25 – Oct. 2, 2016

## Readiness

### External News Stories

The Pentagon's Fig Tree: Reforming the Military Health System

<http://warontherocks.com/2016/09/the-pentagons-fig-tree-reforming-the-military-health-system/>

Second in a series: this article looks at the purpose of the military health system and what the authors call a system befuddled by incommensurate goals. A "must read" per MG Tempel.

## People

### Internal News Stories

BAMC team wins regional Best Medic Competition, will compete at Army-level

[www.army.mil/article/175751/](http://www.army.mil/article/175751/)

Brooke Army Medical Center's two-Soldier team, 1st Lt. Chi Wing Pang, clinical staff nurse, and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Eisele, noncommissioned officer in charge for the Department of Surgery, won the RHC-C Best Medic competition Sept. 20-22. They will represent RHC-C at the Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark Jr. Army Best Medic Competition Oct 25-28.

### External News Stories

Fort Hood Herald: From Medical Army Surgical Hospital to Combat Support Hospital; a nurse's story

[http://kdhnews.com/fort\\_hood\\_herald/military\\_pulse/from-medical-army-surgical-hospital-to-combat-support-hospital-a/article\\_55850c24-84f6-11e6-9e47-8f5f94b1a30b.html](http://kdhnews.com/fort_hood_herald/military_pulse/from-medical-army-surgical-hospital-to-combat-support-hospital-a/article_55850c24-84f6-11e6-9e47-8f5f94b1a30b.html)

During summer training for the cadets, Capt. Francie Gonzales is an officer in charge for patient hold at a remote aid station. But when she is at Fort Hood, she is a medical/surgical nurse assigned to the 21st CSH.

Military.com: How America's highest-ranking woman in uniform defied the odds

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/10/02/how-america-highest-ranking-woman-uniform-defied-odds-lead-us.html>

U.S. Air Force Gen. Lori Robinson shares her story of how promoting through the ranks and how the death of her stepdaughter, who was treated at BAMC, taught her about tenacity and courage.

The Sentinel-Record: Veterans, wounded honored

<http://www.hotsr.com/news/2016/oct/02/veterans-wounded-honored-20161002/>

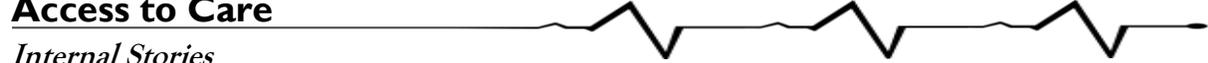
Hundreds of motorcyclists traveled from Little Rock to Garland to help raise funds for wounded Soldiers at the Brooke Army Medical Center.

Sports Day: On and off the field, Jonathan Lucroy is the catcher the Texas Rangers have been missing

<http://sportsday.dallasnews.com/texas-rangers/rangers/2016/10/01/field-jonathan-lucroy-catcher-texas-rangers-always-wanted>

Texas Rangers catcher, Jonathan Lucroy, supported his former college teammate and roommate, John Coker Jr. who was injured during a deployment and receiving care at Brooke Army Medical Center.

## **Access to Care**



### **Internal Stories**

Behavioral health takes over substance abuse clinical care

<https://www.army.mil/article/176044/>

The Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care treatment has been moved into the medical realm under behavioral health.

Marrow registration drive set for Oct. 3-6

<https://www.army.mil/article/175991/>

Opportunities to directly help someone in dire need don't usually occur so simply, and yet, it could happen to those people who answer the call to join a national bone marrow registry Oct. 3-6.

Construction to improve GLWACH's advanced surgical capabilities

[http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=20444&Itemid=39](http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20444&Itemid=39)

This two-year project will enable the hospital to perform more advanced surgical procedures, modernize and increase the size of the operating room, in addition to other benefits.

### **External News Stories**

The Topeka Capital-Journal: Fort Riley bureaucracy frustrated moms who sought care for Soldier sons

<http://cjonline.com/news/2016-10-01/fort-riley-bureaucracy-frustrated-moms-who-sought-care-soldier-sons#>

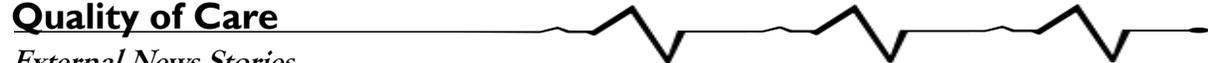
Parents of two Soldiers allege the Army did not provide treatment to their sons in a timely manner thus exacerbating their medical conditions.

North Austin Patch: Small plane goes down in Taylor, girl taken to North Austin Hospital for treatment

<http://patch.com/texas/north-austin/small-plane-goes-down-taylor-girl-taken-north-austin-hospital-treatment>

Pilot taken to BAMC for burn treatment following aircraft accident.

## **Quality of Care**



### **External News Stories**

WOAI Channel 4 News: Developer Marty Wender talks about his road to recovery after near-fatal accident

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/developer-marty-wender-talks-about-his-road-to-recovery-after-near-fatal-accident>

Marty Wender slipped and fell while taking a steam shower at his home. He was knocked unconscious and burned. He was taken to the Burn Center at Brooke Army Medical Center, the best burn center in the world, according to Wender.

## **Safety**

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### ***Internal News Stories***

Mold can be dangerous in more ways than one

[http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=20446&Itemid=39](http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20446&Itemid=39)

Most people have no reaction to mold however there are some symptoms that could indicate problems. This article also addresses types and sources of mold as well as cleanup guidelines.

### ***External News Stories***

The Wichita Eagle: Army hospital worker lit supervisor on fire, indictment says

<http://www.kansas.com/news/local/crime/article104721681.html>

A federal grand jury on Wednesday indicted a hospital worker who set one woman on fire and attacked another who came to her aid at Munson Army Health Center in Fort Leavenworth, Acting U.S. Attorney Tom Beall said in a news release.

Topeka Capital-Journal: Grand Jury indicts former Fort Leavenworth hospital employee on charges he attacked and injured 2 women

<http://cjonline.com/news/2016-09-28/grand-jury-indicts-former-fort-leavenworth-hospital-employee-charges-he-attacked-and>

A federal grand jury on Wednesday indicted Clifford Currie on charges that he attacked and injured two women earlier this month at Fort Leavenworth's Munson Army Health Center.

Becker's Hospital Review: Kansas hospital worker who set fire to supervisor indicted by grand jury

<http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/legal-regulatory-issues/kansas-hospital-worker-who-set-fire-to-supervisor-indicted-by-grand-jury.html>

A federal grand jury indicted Clifford Currie, a former Munson Army Health Center employee, charged with setting a supervisor on fire and attacking another individual who came to her aid in an incident earlier this month.

## **Video productions**

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BAMC Flu prevention

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0J\\_BNv5W6X4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0J_BNv5W6X4&feature=youtu.be)