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The Year in Review

*The last year has demonstrated how important it is to have a ready medical force that is prepared to handle any mission. As we enter 2021, Navy Medicine continues to work toward ensuring our active-duty personnel meet and exceed their operationally-focused Naval Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (NKSA). Together, we will reach our four (4) priorities (**People, Platform, Performance, Power**) and support Navy Medicine in establishing stronger integrated response processes.*

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the development and implementation of Naval Medical Readiness Criteria (NMRC) and the NKSA Proficiency Dashboard. We look forward to expanding our efforts to provide well-trained medical experts, operating as high-performance teams to project medical power in support of Naval superiority.

- Mr. John Zarkowsky, Office of Primary Responsibility of NMFDC

Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) Panel Recording

Watch RDML Darin Via (Commander, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic) virtually host a marquee panel of subject matter experts discuss Navy Medicine's role in the attainment and sustainment of our Naval medical personnel's NKSA's. The recording was hosted on the virtual AMSUS conference platform during two weeks in December.



To view the full hour-long panel, reach out to the [NMFDC mailbox](#) and we will share the video through DoD SAFE.

Keep an eye out for a highlight reel of the AMSUS panel coming to the Navy Medicine YouTube page in February.

Naval Medical Readiness Criteria Phase Update

Phase I

Revalidation

- 28 of 41 NMRC that were signed by the Surgeon General have been revalidated
- On 06 JAN 2021, the final revalidation telcon was held for Specialty Leaders (SLs) to provide additional support and answer any questions or concerns regarding the revalidation request

Phase II

Development

- 44 NMRC have undergone enterprise-wide review by stakeholders, entered into DON Tracker on 16 DEC 2020 for SG approval and signature
- Validated 248 DON Tracker comments on 85 NMRCs

Phase III

Planning

- 37 NMRC development is planned to kick-off in JAN 2021
- Preparing quarterly updates for Office of the Corps Chiefs and NMRC telcon materials prior to the Phase III kick-off

Check out the back page for information on the enhancement of the NKSA Proficiency Dashboard!

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NKSA Pulse Check



As we enter 2021, the NMFDC wants to hear from stakeholders to assess the NKSA process, current efforts, and continuing engagement strategies. The pulse check can be found as an attachment in the monthly newsletter email. Please send your responses to the [NMFDC](#).

**Please fill out the NKSA Pulse Check by
05 FEB 21**

NKSA Proficiency Dashboard with PII Planned for February

The NKSA Proficiency Dashboard with Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is planned for wider release in mid-February. The dashboard will support efforts in tracking and reporting personnel readiness and will aid in identifying the needs of a ready medical force.

Interested in participating in a dashboard demonstration? [Email us!](#)



What's to Come



Naval Medical Readiness Criteria Development and Revalidation Efforts



NKSA Proficiency Dashboard with PII Enhancement



February Stakeholder Engagement Session

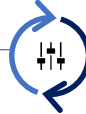


Monthly NKSA Proficiency Dashboard Demos

December Stakeholder Engagement Session

On 17 DEC 20, the NMFDC held a stakeholder engagement session to address gaps in support of an operationalized NKSA Proficiency Dashboard and identifying actions to mitigate and/or improve current challenges in clinical currency attainment and sustainment. Key session takeaways include:

- ✓ Provided insights on readiness decision making responsibilities
- ✓ Discussed the role of leadership at Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands (NMRTCs) and Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) in improving the ability to track requirements at the deckplate, and the need to mitigate readiness gaps between MTFs and operational platforms
- ✓ Reviewed known gaps in the NKSA Proficiency Dashboard data, including non-trackable courses, and discussed mitigation strategies currently used (e.g., Smartsheet app for On the Job Training) or others that could be used in the future
- ✓ Gained consensus that a fully operational NKSA Proficiency Dashboard can be used in the following ways:
 - Identify what courses need to be developed
 - Determine where to utilize partnerships
 - Review regional readiness especially for Tier 1 platforms
 - Provide a clear understanding of providers' certifications



Have a question for the NMFDC? Let us know by emailing us!

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