

# ***Navy Medics Are Going Digital***

The Office of Naval Research has developed NavMedWatch, a computer network that will illuminate all available medical resources in one visual map display. NavMedWatch is still in the testing phase.

This network is designed to keep track of available beds, medical equipment and blood supplies in the field, rather than depending on information relayed by phone and then scribbled on a white board with a grease pencil.

The system tracks trends in injuries and diseases in an area, allowing medical facilities to better manage their resources and contain contagious diseases by juxtaposing data from a medical database with a medical facility and its available beds, staff, blood, supplies and equipment. The system also provides alerts to patients in need of transportation to another medical facility.

NavMedWatch allows you to organize and display all medical assets with one tool.

Future version will be able to anticipate the needs of future arrivals so that supplies such as blood will be on hand — avoiding shortfalls. It will also be equipped with a history function, so the medical care of even one person can be tracked throughout the naval medical-care system.



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