What is MMIS?

- Mission Medical Information System
- The evidence base of medical data collected on astronauts before, during, and after spaceflight. It is a critical supporting element of the Human Research Program. The Longitudinal Study of Astronaut Health (LSAH) was created to make this data available to researchers interested in the effects of space flight on human health.
- The MMIS is designed to facilitate the capture and flow of medical data into a form that the LSAH can easily access.
- In addition, medically relevant data is to be captured in the system (such as number of EVA’s, length of mission, etc.).

MMIS Goals:

- Creation of electronic data interfaces between data sources, such as laboratories, and the MMIS repository. These are being constructed to use Health IT standards such as HL7. Electronic connectors avoid transcription errors and save time.
- Enable structured data capture. The best time to get all the details needed for data is when that data is created. Capturing data in structured form also creates a consistent data structure that significantly aids data analysis.
- Provide tools and resources for structured data management. The use of standard terminologies results in more consistent data analysis, and also enables the comparison of NASA datasets with datasets from other institutions using the same or comparable terminology.
- The MMIS project establishes the system that will continue to be used to collect all medical space flight data.

Mission Medical Information System Components:

- Longitudinal Study of Astronaut Health (LSAH):
  - Clinical Data Repository whose purposes are:
    - To examine the mortality and morbidity rates (astronauts versus civil service employees)
    - To determine the rate of illnesses and accidents that require medical care
    - To facilitate investigations of occupational exposures and health issues in a normal population
  - Data included is physical exam data from astronauts (active and retired) and comparison subjects
  - Data Request Process:
    - Data requests are sent to the epidemiology section supervisor.
    - Extramural data requests must receive initial merit and funding approval via NSBRI or NRA before submission to the LSAH Executive Committee

Terrestrial Health Information Technology Vision:

- Electronic Medical Record:
  - Data Submission Agreement (example):

NASA Health Information Technology Needs:

- Adopt terrestrial software solutions where they fit:
  - Use Health IT standards for communications and storage
  - HL7 messaging
  - SNOMED
  - Document data repository contents through data submission agreements
  - Create electronic connectors between laboratories, databases, etc. to facilitate the flow of information.

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