Award ceremony in the atrium of U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, circa 2010

HN Lucco working at the pharmacy of U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, 19 June 2019

Sailors provide emergency care, 14 April 2019

Hospital Corpsman Second Class Chayce Nicklaus (left) and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Michael Santillo (right) place the seventh consecutive Blue-H ribbon in the display case at the USNH Naples. Nicklaus and Santillo, Corpsmen within Health Promotions & Wellness, contribute to obtaining the Blue-H through their daily interactions with beneficiaries seeking to lead a healthier lifestyle. *Photo by Christina Clarke*

Lucky #7: USNH Naples Continues Blue-H Streak

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U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Naples took home its seventh consecutive Blue-H, the Navy Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness Award, Gold Star.

The Blue-H Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness Award is an annual award for Navy and Marine Corps commands that demonstrate excellence in health, wellness, and fitness activities and policies. Both the Support Site hospital and the Capodichino Branch Health Clinic were recognized as gold star locations.

"This is the culmination of many different efforts," Monica Schutt, the most recent Health Promotions and Wellness manager, said. "The award is a reflection not just of community events, but staff initiatives such as performing risk assessments and tracking ongoing health metrics."

The Blue-H award recognizes Navy and Marine Corps commands that have met an extensive list of pertinent health and wellness milestones, such as the establishment of a command health promotion and wellness committee, having certified tobacco cessation counselors, and participation in the annual Crews Into Shape fitness competition. Participation in preventive measures is critical for keeping warfighters in the fight – the cornerstone of USNH Naples.

"Monica and our Healthcare to Health committee put forth a great deal of effort to ensure our community has access to programs and events that promote a healthy lifestyle," Director of Public Health Commander Misty Scheel said. "We are thankful to have a community that comes out to support and engage with our wellness initiatives."

One event that drawa hundreds of community members is the annual Teddy Bear Health Clinic. Held each spring, community children are introduced to the healthcare environment in a lighthearted and engaging way; they are provided a plush teddy bear who is then "treated" for various ailments by USNH Naples staff.

The clinic is meant to lessen anxiety surrounding hospital visits and introduce the community to available services.

Schutt, who recently relocated to a new duty station, is grateful for her time with the Health Promotions and Wellness team.

"The official notification of the award came on my last day, which made it such a positive note to end on," she added. "I will miss the team fiercely, but I know they have the tools and leadership to continue to help the community."

If you are a USNH Naples beneficiary interested in adopting a healthy lifestyle, visit the Health Promotion and Wellness team web site at https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/napoli/Pages/HealthPromotionsWellness.html or call Commercial 081-811-6457 (Support Site) or 081-811-5977 (Capodichino).

For more information on the Surgeon General's Blue-H award, visit the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center website at https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/health-promotion/Pages/blue-h.aspx

2 April 2019 edition of *The Panorama,* lauding U.S. Naval Hospital Naples being named a Blue H Hospital

Sailor participates in a mass casualty drill, 4 February 2016

Surgical technicians at US Naval Hospital Naples gather for Surg Tech week, 25 September 2015

- March of 2012, medical personnel from U.S. Naval Hospital Naples traveled to Duola, Cameroon. Personnel taught members of the Cameroon military tactical combat casualty care, along with providing mentorship. They completed this task along with members of the African Partnership Station training team.
- In July of 2014, Deputy Commander of Navy Medicine East, RDML Christina Alvarado, Nurse Corps visited and toured U.S. Naval Hospital Naples.
- In 2019, the hospital received its 7th Blue-H award, the Navy Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness Award Gold Star.
- In April of 2019, medical specialists from U.S. Naval Forces Europe-U.S. Naval Forces Africa worked with Swedish armed forces in a field emergency room drill. This included an Emergency Room physician from U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, CDR Corey Gustafson.
- CDR Corey Gustafson of U.S. Naval Hospital Naples was named Physician of the Year in 2019 by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

RDML Alvarado visits U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, 29 June 2014

HN Devoy working in the Patient Administration Department, 9 February 2018

Health Promotions team, with the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer, receives recognition for earning the Navy Surgeon General's Blue-H Award,17 September 2017

CDR Gustafson, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, and CAPT Sternerös, Swedish armed forces, participate in a multinational medical drill in Romania, April 2019

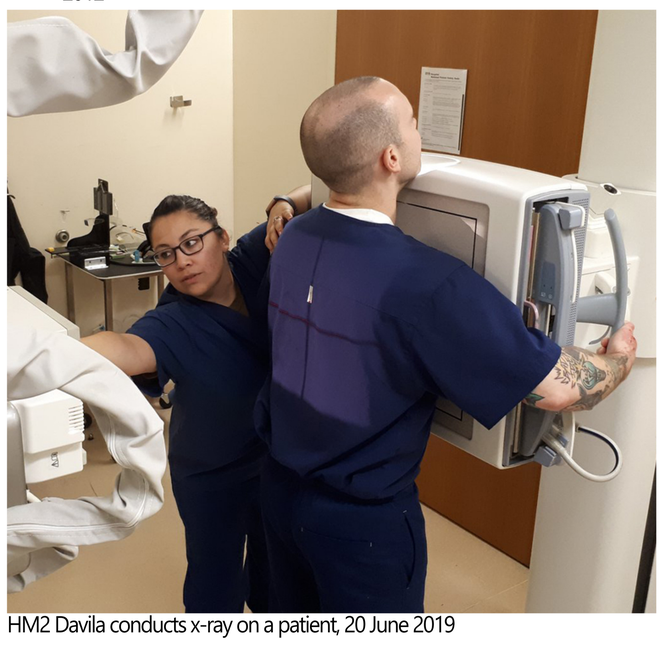
LCDR Saito, a nurse practitioner at Branch Health Clinic Capodichino speakng with sailor, 11 May 2019

Executive Officer CAPT Stephens observes dental technician at work, April 14, 2019

Mr. Di Luna celebrates 50 years of service to the U.S. Navy, 28 February 2012

Commanding Officer CAPT Blivin poses with staff, 3 May 2018

Sailors engage in training on intravenous access 14 December 2017


HM2 Davila conducts x-ray on a patient, 20 June 2019