

THE ROLE OF INNOVATION IN DRIVING HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION

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At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- 1. Describe the Defense Health Agency's Military Health System's Strategic Goals and Objectives and associated efforts to achieve them**
- 2. Characterize the challenges, and solutions, with managing innovation in a dynamic healthcare environment**
- 3. Articulate the challenges and benefits of enabling a culture of innovation**
- 4. Determine where in a healthcare system innovation may be best suited and whether this innovation should be procedural or research focused**

ABSTRACT

The rate of transformation across all segments of our society continues to accelerate. This is due in no small part to the rapid and far reaching advances being made across many different, and complementary, science and technology domains. As with other sectors, healthcare is experiencing its own, often times disruptive, explosion of innovative capabilities that promise to enable more affordable delivery of higher quality healthcare to a wider range of recipients. Recognizing the important role that innovation plays in transforming healthcare, a growing number of healthcare systems and supporting organizations are making “innovation” a focus of their investment strategies. Yet it is important to recognize that innovation is not a simple solution to the complex challenges associated with healthcare transformation. Within a healthcare system, while it is possible to mandate adherence and alignment to new processes and procedures that support transformation, it is relatively difficult to mandate achieving breakthrough innovations on a schedule and in response to specific challenges. Consequently, at a time when the very concept of innovation seems embedded in the fabric of how we think and act, it is critical that we take a strategic pause and ask ourselves "how do we ensure that investments in innovation deliver effective results?" We must ask this because while some innovation initiatives have modest goals, others aim to fundamentally transform how we deliver healthcare today - delivering potentially high payoffs but with potentially high risk to all stakeholders in the healthcare ecosystem. In this session, we will bring together senior leaders from the Department of Defense’s Military Health System to share their insights into the business of delivering cutting edge and disruptive technologies to transform healthcare.

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