



*CDR Louis C. Tripoli, USN, in Fallujah, Iraq,
serving as Group Surgeon, 4th Civil Affairs Group,
United States Marine Corps*

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Louis C. Tripoli, M.D., is a member of the adjunct faculty of the Saint Louis University Institute for Biosecurity and was an Advisory Board member in the past.

He is Vice President and Medical Director MedImpact Health Services, Inc., of San Diego. Dr. Tripoli is also a Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve and is the Senior Medical Executive for the Operational Health Support Unit of the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. He brings a wealth of experience and capabilities in medical management, leadership, and hard work in difficult and challenging environments.

In late summer 2008, Captain Tripoli moved to San Diego after several years of active duty in the United States Navy. For the prior two years, he served as the Senior Medical Officer at PERS-95 for the Navy Personnel Command, managing aspects of health policy and logistics for a significant number of Navy personnel who were wounded, ill, or injured as a result of military service in the Global War on Terrorism. The Navy recently awarded him the *Legion of Merit* medal for his service, one of the highest Navy honors.

Prior to that assignment, Dr. Tripoli served as the Group Surgeon and Chief Public Health Officer for the First Marine Expeditionary Force, 4th Civil Affairs Group, and was involved in combat operations during the battle of Fallujah, for which he was awarded the *Bronze Star* medal. As a result of these efforts, he was named the 2006 Navy Times Sailor of The Year, an honor that was vigorously supported by the Marines with whom he served. Captain Tripoli's accomplishments have been recognized in publications, awards, and other forms of recognition by public officials, including a unanimous resolution by the Missouri House of Representatives (#4415, August 2, 2006). He was the first to design and implement a system for obtaining complex medical care in the U.S. for Iraqi children with serious illnesses, which was widely reported on national news as one of the positive stories to come out of Iraq. As Public Health Officer for the Civil Affairs Group, he successfully dealt with several significant public health challenges in Al Anbar province of Iraq during the war, including outbreaks of hepatitis, rabies, and injuries among civilians.

From 1996 until he answered the call to serve our country, Dr. Tripoli was the Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for Correctional Medical

Services (CMS), a division of Valitas, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri (formerly known as Spectrum Healthcare). The disease management programs he developed at CMS set the standard of excellence for patients in correctional institutions. He also co-authored the Johns Hopkins 2000-2001 Medical Management of HIV Infection, Corrections Edition, which became a widely used reference for the management of persons infected with HIV in prisons and jails.

After graduating *cum laude* from Harvard University, Dr. Tripoli attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine on a state-sponsored track for students interested in serving the medically underserved, and he has focused his efforts toward helping the most vulnerable members of our society ever since. At Pittsburgh, he received the award for highest achievement in Medicine and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He completed his residency training at the University of Pittsburgh, and was named Chief Resident in Internal Medicine. Dr. Tripoli then entered private practice in a medically underserved area in western Pennsylvania and became Chief of Staff of the local hospital. He subsequently moved to Buffalo, NY, concentrating on practice development. He was the first Medical Director of the 1490 Jefferson Clinic in an inner-city, medically underserved area of Buffalo. Dr. Tripoli later moved to St. Louis, where he was appointed Associate Medical Director for the Prudential Healthcare System and led the Medicaid program there.

Dr. Tripoli's primary focus at MedImpact, a pharmacy benefits management company, is to provide leadership for the company's clinical research and clinical program development activities. He leads the development, innovation, and growth of MedImpact's clinical management capabilities, which are designed to facilitate high-quality, cost-effective healthcare to those who need it most, employing twenty-first century technology.

Dr. Tripoli is board certified in Internal Medicine, and through his long and successful management career, he has continued to practice medicine in his specialty, both in the Navy and as a civilian. Recently, he worked at the Memphis VA Hospital in the hepatitis treatment clinic, focusing on the treatment of chronic infection with hepatitis viruses. He has authored two books chapters on this subject.

Dr. Tripoli served as a member of the Johns Hopkins infectious disease faculty from 1998 until 2006 and is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor in the St. Louis University School of Public Health, where he has an interest in pandemic preparedness and related topics, including Biosecurity. His published expertise in Biosecurity includes a book chapter on smallpox in Forensic Aspects of Chemical and Biological Terrorism, Cyril H. Wecht, editor, Lawyers & Judges Publishing Company, October, 2004, ISBN: 1-930056-67-2.

Other notable activities related to Biosecurity and emerging infections include lectures and participation in working groups, such as the following:

- Centers for Disease Control: Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Viral Hepatitis in Correctional Settings; March 5-7, 2001 – Atlanta, GA
- Centers for Disease Control: Identification and Treatment of Patients with Tuberculosis in Correctional Facilities in the U.S.; Guideline revisions.
- Keynote address, Annual Meeting of the National Commission for Correctional Health Care, Denver, CO, October 10, 2005: “From Correctional Healthcare to Public Health in Fallujah; the Battle of Fallujah, Al Anbar, Iraq”
- Hepatitis C: Annual Meeting, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), Chapter 073-Greater St. Louis; February 24, 2000, St. Louis, MO.
- Smallpox as a Weapon of Terror: National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, February 22, 2003 and March 2, 2003.
- Smallpox Vaccination and Its Complications: National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, February 22, 2003, and March 31, 2003; and Third Annual Intensive Review in Correctional Medicine, Baltimore, MD, September 6, 2003.
- Bioterrorism Preparedness in the 21st Century: Keynote Address, New England Trauma Summit, Bethel, ME, January 16, 2004.

Dr. Tripoli’s growing expertise in the realm of pharmaceutical management and delivery will support to the Institute on projects of interest, especially those that involve medication usage and distribution, pandemic detection, and communications.