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## News Release

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### **USU hosts Evidence and Informatics Transforming Nursing Summit**

**BETHESDA, Md.** – The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) will host the Evidence and Informatics Transforming Nursing Summit as part of the Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform (TIGER) Initiative, Oct. 30 – Nov. 1.

The summit's purpose is to gather representatives from nursing organizations, government agencies and other key stakeholders to create a plan that will prepare nurses to practice and keep current with standards in the medical field's increasingly automated environment.

The TIGER Initiative's current executive committee includes two USU faculty members; Patricia Hinton Walker, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, professor of the Graduate School of Nursing, and Virginia K. Saba, Ed.D., RN, FAAN, FACMI, professor and advisor, Educational Technologies and Distance Learning, Research Department.

The initiative was started by a small group of nurses to ensure the equal footing of the nursing community in response to President Bush's 2004 Executive Order, which called for the creation and placement of electronic medical records for most Americans in 10 years. The June 2004 national conference to discuss electronic records featured only a single nurse on a single panel, prompting the group of nurses to create the TIGER Initiative.

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Established by the U.S. Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences [www.usuhs.mil](http://www.usuhs.mil) is located on the campus of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing.

Attendance is by invitation only, so as to ensure representation from all nursing sectors. For more information, call the Office of External Affairs at (301) 295-9475.

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