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ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Improvements to Joint Theater Trauma Registry (JTTR)

1. It is imperative that the JTTR database be complete, accurate, and focused on outcomes. Although the quality/completeness of Levels III and IV data is excellent, it currently lacks essential data from Levels I and II, as well as data from Level V and mortality data from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner (AFME). I request the following:

a. Patient Administrative Systems and Biostatistics Activity: Provide and link Level V Standard Inpatient Data Record/Standard Ambulatory Data Record (SIDR/SADR) data to the JTTR. Change process to mandate interim SIDR records entered/completed on US GWOT injury casualties within 72 hours of acute care MTF discharge. Add ventilator days to the SIDR.

b. III Corps SGS: Execute capture of Levels 1 and 2 data in JTTR.

c. AFME: Finalize Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute of Surgical Research and AFME immediately and begin full data exchange.

d. Information Management Directorate: Expedite DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process approval for JTTR Version 3. Provide timeline to point of contact (POC) listed in para 3.

e. Health Care Acquisition Activity: Provide status of contracting actions for analysis of JTTR/JTTS. Propose alternate COAs to bring contracted personnel on board immediately.

f. Chief of Consultants: There is significant data residing in specialty-specific databases for vascular surgery, neurosurgery, etc. Locate these databases and assist with addition of these data to JTTR as soon as feasible.

2. Submit a status report directly to POC listed in para 3 within 14 days of receipt of this memorandum. Substantial completion is required within 30 days. I thank you all for attention to these matters.

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3. POC for this memorandum is COL Paul R. Cordts, Director, Health Policy and Services, at (703) 681-0104, or paul.cordts@us.army.mil.

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