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REPLY TO  
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24 SEP 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Collection of Specialty Service Injury Data into the Joint Theater Trauma Registry (JTTR)

1. References:

a. Health Affairs Policy 04-031, 22 Dec 04, subject: Coordination of Policy to Establish a Joint Theater Trauma Registry.

b. Health Affairs action memo, 14 Dec 05, subject: Joint Theater Trauma Records.

c. US Army Institute of Surgical Research memo, 10 May 07, subject: Collection of Trauma Registry Performance Improvement Data from all Level IV and V MTFs into the Joint Theater Trauma Registry.

d. Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG) memo, 11 May 07, subject: Improvements to Joint Theater Trauma Registry (JTTR).

2. The purpose of this memo is to expand data elements currently collected in the JTTR to include variables from every clinical specialty, such as orthopedics, neurosurgery, critical care, ophthalmology, emergency medicine, general surgery, infectious disease, nephrology, neurology, operational medicine, ophthalmology, otolaryngology/head and neck surgery, peripheral vascular surgery, physical medicine/rehabilitation, psychiatry, urological surgery, etc.

3. The JTTR is part of the Joint Theater Trauma System (JTTS) which is dedicated to the reduction of morbidity and mortality at all levels of care and providing the *right* care to the right patient at the right place at the right time throughout the continuum of care. Similar to the civilian model established by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT), the mature trauma system contains all the components identified with optimal care of the patient from prevention through acute care and rehabilitation.

4. Our DoD system has generally good trauma data collection at Level III, IV and a few Level V facilities, but we have not engaged in a systematic fashion to determine the outcomes of all casualties and the quality of their care.

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5. A Trauma Nurse Coordinator/Registrar will be hired at 12 MTFs to collect Trauma Registry outcome data on all GWOT casualties, with two additional USAISR personnel to manage lower volume MTFs. Hiring actions for these Coordinators are underway. Currently, there is no consistent or complete capture of data for specialty care provided to Wounded Warriors in the JTTR. It is critical to collect these trauma data at each Level (III-V) in order to support the warfighting combatant Commander and the Wounded Warrior.

6. The Consultants are directed to send their existing specialty-specific databases to the JTTR immediately. The JTTR will serve as a back-up for the ongoing specialty databases. Also, Consultants are to create a on-page memo indicating what Level 5 outcome data would be of specific value to them so that the MTF Nurse Coordinators may collect these data. Please submit this memo to Ms. Mary Ann Spott, JTTS Program Manager, within 2 weeks of the date of this memo.


7. The ultimate goal of these data acquisition, data-basing, and coding initiatives is to provide a military trauma registry that can be used for many purposes, including data-driven protective equipment design, combat casualty care research, and medical doctrine. This database will reside at the USAISR where the focus on combat casualty care research and doctrine can be served by timely, detailed and adequately powered data analysis. These data will be made accessible to all authorized individuals and institutions.

8. Request that each identified Consultant work with the USAISR, JTTR IT Team to provide the required data. Point of contact is Ms. Mary Ann Spott, Program Manager, JTTS Program, USISR, at (210) 916-9174, or email [Mary.Spott@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Mary.Spott@amedd.army.mil)

9. Point of contact for this memorandum is MG George W. Weightman, MC, OTSG, at (703) 681-3004, or email: [George.Weightman@amedd.army.mil](mailto:George.Weightman@amedd.army.mil).

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1. HA Policy 04-031, 22 Dec 04
2. HA Action Memo, 14 Dec 05
3. USAISR Memo, 10 May 07
4. OTSG Memo, 11 May 07

  
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