

Partnership for Health

FORCE READINESS & HEALTH ASSURANCE



HEALTH READINESS

Supports DoD mission accomplishment by ensuring that deploying personnel are free of medical and dental conditions that could interfere with mission execution. Monitors program implementation, develops policy for the DoD Individual Medical Readiness Program and medical standards for accession, retention and deployment. Manages the Reserve Health Readiness Program that provides medical and dental services satisfying key deployment and health-related requirements.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Develops DoD policies to further reduce disease and non-battle injury (DNBI) rates to the lowest achievable levels. Ensures that pre- and post-deployment health assessments remain useful and appropriate and ensures the monitoring of DNBI rates and preventive medicine program implementation.

DEPLOYMENT OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Coordinates with the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment) to ensure effective deployment health programs are in place to prevent occupationally-related injuries and illnesses. Develops comprehensive deployment-related environmental health policies to identify hazards, assess risks, minimize and prevent exposures and to appropriately document environmental monitoring results and exposures. Collaborates with the Military Services to develop new exposure standards for hazards in the air, water and soil; weapons of mass destruction; and heavy metals. Develops policies to ensure proper documentation in medical records of hazardous exposures to ensure the force remains fit and healthy both during service and after separation from the military.

As part of our larger Partnership for Health, Force Health Protection and Readiness (FHP&R) is committed to meeting the needs of our key audiences:

- ★ Service members and families
- ★ Military leadership
- ★ Health care providers and planners

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Force Readiness and Health Assurance (FR&HA) develops policies and programs to protect and optimize the health and safety of Service members during all phases of deployment.

GLOBAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE

FR&HA monitors, analyzes, interprets and fuses a diverse array of health-related data sets, including health encounters, pharmacy, individual health assessments (pre- and post-deployment), environmental exposures, medical intelligence and more. The intent is to provide early warning of infectious disease outbreaks, hazardous environmental exposures or possible bioterrorist attacks by spotting worrisome trends in exposure-related health outcomes, injuries, psychological health, cancer cases or other conditions of public health importance.

DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Patients are medically assessed before and after deployments to determine the impact of the deployment on the Service member's health and to allow intervention to return the Service member to optimal health.

HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

FR&HA assesses exposures to health threats and ensures the development of risk communications products addressing those threats for Service members, families and leaders. These products are posted on the DoD Deployment Health and Family Readiness Web site.

EMBEDDED METAL FRAGMENT & BIOMONITORING

FR&HA develops policy for the use of biomarkers and for analysis of metal fragments removed from Service members. Biomonitoring policies were developed for lead and depleted uranium exposures. A registry of personnel with retained metal fragments from combat or combat-related operations is being established.

FR&HA develops policy for depleted uranium urine bioassays for Service members possibly exposed. FR&HA monitors the results of the bioassays and medical research and responds to questions and concerns from Congress, DoD leaders and Service members and their families regarding the effects of depleted uranium.

INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS

FR&HA develops policies and monitors metrics for the Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) program. IMR is a pre-deployment health readiness program used to ensure Service members have satisfied medical readiness requirements prior to deployment. The Reserve Health Readiness Program is managed within FR&HA and enables the Reserve Components to meet IMR requirements by providing medical and dental services across the US and its territories.

HUMAN PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION

FR&HA develops policy for the application of health and wellness knowledge; performance enhancing diet; and skills and advanced technology to sustain and improve Service member capabilities while deployed.

DEPLOYMENT LIMITING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

FR&HA is developing new policy identifying medical conditions which may limit an individual's ability to accomplish duties in the deployed environment. These standards, which will provide guidance on the deployability of individuals, will apply to all DoD personnel (military, civilian) and to contractors.

POPULATION AT RISK

FR&HA monitors deployment locations for units as well as individual Service members, and works with the Defense Manpower Data Center and the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, to identify populations at risk for environmental exposures associated with chemical incidents and routine environmental health exposures.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING

FR&HA leads an initiative for the sharing of deployment health data and analytic methods acquired from partner nations to improve combined force health protection between the US and some of its allies through the reduction of duplicative environmental monitoring.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING

FR&HA plays a key role in DoD pandemic flu planning as it relates to avian flu vaccine and antiviral policy development, global disease activity, pandemic influenza surveillance and health risk assessment.

NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS

FR&HA serves as the office of coordinating responsibility to monitor deployment-related hearing conservation policy and hearing loss statistics.

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