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MEMORANDUM FOR: SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Policy for Military Health System Video Teleconference Standards

This memorandum establishes Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (OASD (HA)) policy for Military Health System (MHS) Video Teleconference (VTC) Standards for fixed facilities. These standards should be implemented in efforts where VTC is the selected alternative for collaboration. Specifying a baseline configuration for VTC equipment across MHS fixed facilities will achieve economies of scale, increase interoperability, reduce complexity, and simplify the management of information systems.

Attachment 1 lists the VTC baseline standards for fixed facilities within the MHS. These standards will allow us to communicate effectively with VTC as a medium. To ensure a high-quality VTC session, we must have compatible video/communications and control, audio, and data. All new VTC acquisitions and planned upgrades using Defense Health Program funding should comply with these standards. These VTC standards are in compliance with the Department of Defense Joint Technical Architecture and industry best practices.

The guidance in this memorandum will be updated in the future to reflect advances in technology, product availability and market support. My point of contact for this policy is Mr. William Jarvis, Information Management, Technology & Reengineering, who may be reached at (703) 681-8701 or by electronic mail at William.Jarvis@tma.osd.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Sue Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dr. Sue Bailey

Attachment:

As stated

HA Policy 98-038

MHS VTC Baseline Standards

Type	Standard
Video, Communications and Control	H.320, H.323, H.221, H.230, H.242, H.243, H.244, and H.261
AUDIO	G.711, G.722, G.723, and G.728
DATA	T.120, T.122, T.124, T.125, T.130, T.131, and T.132

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