

Capabilities

The USAPHC's mission capabilities include the following Portfolio services:

Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance—
disease, injury and behavioral health

Environmental Health Engineering—
entomology, water supply management, surface
and waste water, hazardous and medical waste,
air quality surveillance, operational noise

Health Promotion and Wellness—
health promotion officers, community behavioral
health operations, public health assessment,
Army wellness center operations, Army public
health nursing

Health Risk Management—
environmental health risk assessment,
environmental surveillance data integration,
deployment environmental surveillance, global
occupational and environmental health threat
assessment, health risk communication

Laboratory Services—
Testing of air, water and soil samples; testing of
blood samples for cholinesterase, a critical blood
enzyme; embedded metal fragments testing; urine
analysis for depleted uranium; molecular biology
and microbiological disease surveillance; chemical
testing of food and water

Occupational and Environmental Medicine—
hearing, vision conservation and readiness,
occupational medicine, environmental medicine,
surety medicine

Occupational Health Sciences—
ergonomics, industrial hygiene, radiation safety,
laser/optical radiation safety/hazard assessment

Toxicology—
toxicity of military-unique and military-
relevant compounds and risk assessment they
pose to humans and environment

Veterinary Services—
food safety and defense, food and water risk
assessment, animal medicine.

Contact Information

Visit the USAPHC Web site at <http://phc.amedd.army.mil> for preventive health and wellness information for Soldiers and retirees, families and Army civilians.

USAPHC Headquarters

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800-222-9698

Army Institute of Public Health (AIPH)

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
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Public Health Command Region–North (PHCR–North)

Fort Meade, Md.
301-677-6502 / DSN 622-6502

Public Health Command Region–South (PHCR–South)

Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
210-221-3495 / DSN 471-3495

DOD Military Working Dog Vet Svcs

Lackland AFB, Texas
210-671-3992 / DSN 473-3992

Public Health Command Region–West (PHCR–West)

Joint Base Lewis–McChord, Wash.
253-966-5528 / DSN 347-5528

Public Health Command Region–Europe (PHCR–Europe)

Landstuhl, Germany
011-49-6371-86-8084 / DSN 314-486-8084

Public Health Command Region–Pacific (PHCR–Pacific)

Camp Zama, Japan
011-81-3117-63-8447 / DSN 315-263-8447

Command Overview



U.S. Army Public Health Command
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD



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USAPHC Senior Executives

Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan Commander



Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan entered the Army as a Nurse Corps officer in 1986. She has had a variety of increasingly challenging professional and command assignments, most recently as a hospital commander, serving across the U.S. and

in deployed locations. She served as chief of staff of the Pentagon's Army Warrior Transition Command, and she has been a recruiter; Army Congressional Fellow; and chief, Congressional Liaison Office, Office of the Army Surgeon General. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing Administration and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies. She is both chief of the Army Nurse Corps and commander of the U.S. Army Public Health Command.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald C. Ecker Senior Enlisted Advisor



Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald C. Ecker entered active service in 1987 as a combat medic. He has served as a trainer and leader in positions of increasing responsibility in the U.S. and in deployed locations, including four deployments

to Iraq. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree, numerous emergency medical certifications and is a graduate of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. Ecker is Jumpmaster, Air Assault and Ranger-qualified and has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and Combat Medical Badge (2nd award) among other decorations. He became the first command sergeant major of the USAPHC in March 2011.

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting physical health through organized, population-based efforts. The U.S. Army Public Health Command has broadened that definition in its mission statement, "to promote health and prevent disease, injury and disability in Soldiers and retirees, their family members, and Army civilians, and to assure effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services for the Army and Department of Defense."

In executing its public health mission, USAPHC provides consulting services to senior military leaders, commanders both deployed and in garrison, and military medical and health professionals.

Influence

USAPHC's public health responsibilities are extremely far-reaching. They extend beyond humans to include animals and the environment, where some of the causes of disease, injury and disability in people originate. Avian flu, unsafe drinking water, food that has spoiled or has not been safely processed or prepared, ineffective sanitation measures in the aftermath of natural disaster, exposure to industrial chemicals, mold in the workplace—these are just a few examples of the health threats stemming from animals or the environment that Army public health professionals address.

Through its unique mission and capabilities, USAPHC is helping Army Medicine transform to a prevention-focused system for health. Preventing conditions that threaten Soldier, civilian, family member and animal health is operationally sound, cost effective and better for individual well-being. Though care of the ill and injured will always be necessary, the demands for such care will be reduced through prevention and health promotion. Army Medicine is on the pathway to realizing this proactive, preventive vision.

Structure

Headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., USAPHC has six subordinate elements, the Army Institute of Public Health and five Public Health Command Regions.

The AIPH, also located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, standardizes and promulgates practices and procedures used throughout the USAPHC, administers and funds public health mission execution, provides one-of-a-kind and reach-back technical capabilities, and oversees quality assurance.

The five Public Health Command Regions execute public health missions. They are supported by 14 Public Health Command Districts that will bring public health services even closer to the Army installations and deployed units who are their customers.

Organization

USAPHC is a subordinate command of U.S. Army Medical Command, but it is unique among MEDCOM organizations in these ways:

Its "patients" are populations, that is groups of people—military units, their families or Army civilian employees, for example—rather than individuals.

It emphasizes prevention of disease, injury and disability, rather than healing those who have already experienced these conditions.

It is proactive, optimizing health by educating members of the Army population about healthy behaviors, empowering them to build and sustain their own good health.