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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Drager Innovian as the Department of Defense Anesthesia Reporting and Monitoring Device

The Department of Defense (DoD) will deploy the Drager Innovian Anesthesia Reporting and Monitoring Device (ARMD) to all military treatment facilities with anesthesia machines beginning in the Fiscal Year 2009, as approved by the Innovation Investment Process (IIP) Board in March 2008. There will be a standard configuration determined by the Anesthesia Reporting and Monitoring Device Leadership Organization (ARMDLO).

The DoD-wide deployment of the ARMD allows TRICARE beneficiaries to have access to "best-in-class" anesthesia service with improved surgical outcomes and quality through a sound business decision. A single Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) product that is identically configured and used by all Services will improve skill retention and eliminate multiple device-specific training. In addition, it will enable centralized data collection and reporting and assist in future integration of anesthesia data into the Electronic Health Record(s).

DoD ARMD data outside of the medical record(s) are considered medical Quality Assurance records (10 U.S. Code 1102 and DoD Directive 6040.37) and will be fully compliant with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Public Law 104-91) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S. Code 552a).

Requests for information can be made to the Director of Clinical Quality, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, TRICARE Management Activity, Falls Church, Virginia, (703) 681-0064.

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