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FROM: HQ USAF/SG  
1780 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1780

SUBJECT: Incorporating Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Course Curriculum Updates into Air Force Medical Training

The Air Force is committed to providing the most comprehensive training to our Airmen, which includes care of injuries sustained in the field. The TCCC course is the military counterpart to the Prehospital Trauma Life Support Course and is designed for military personnel who are preparing to deploy in support of combat operations. The TCCC program was developed to customize the principles of good trauma care for successful use on the battlefield.

The curriculum is reviewed on a regular basis by the Committee on TCCC (CoTCCC), which is comprised of experts with extensive theatre experience in the fields of Surgery, Medicine, and Prehospital Care. Proposed curriculum changes are analyzed to ensure that they reflect evidence-based advances in prehospital medicine and battlefield experience. Changes are initially researched with a review of any scientific data in favor or against them. After debate in an open forum, CoTCCC members vote on the changes, and if approved, they must be examined by the Trauma and Injury Subcommittee of the Defense Health Board (DHB) and the Core Board of the DHB. If all three groups approve the changes, the updated guidelines are posted on the following websites: the Air Force Readiness Community of Practice (CoP) on the Air Force Knowledge Now at <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=OO-SG-AF-83>; and on the Military Health System website at [http://www.health.mil/Education\\_And\\_Training/TCCC.asp](http://www.health.mil/Education_And_Training/TCCC.asp).

Effective immediately, all applicable Air Force training courses and programs will incorporate the most current TCCC guidelines consistent with their level of knowledge and proficiency instruction related to battlefield medical care. My point of contact is Lieutenant Colonel Pamela Lucas, AFMSA/SGXT, (703) 588-7276, DSN 425-7276, or [pamela.lucas@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:pamela.lucas@pentagon.af.mil).

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