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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ARMED FORCES
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SUBJECT: Screening Interval for HIV Testing in the U. S. Military

The current DODD for HIV requires interval screening for HIV. The Navy tests annually; the Army tests approximately every two years; and the Air Force tests every three to five years, in addition to Service-specific pre and post deployment screenings requirements. There are no known evidence-based recommendations for interval screening for HIV.

I request the AFEB review existing DOD and Service-specific (including Reserve and National Guard), HIV policies and statistics (including Army Medical Surveillance Activity information), and any pertinent medical literature, and comment on the value of interval screening for HIV. If the Board identifies value in interval testing, I would appreciate a recommendation on what the appropriate frequency of HIV screening should be. My point of contact for DOD HIV policy issues is Ms. Lynn Pahland, who may be reached at (703) 681-1703: Lynn.Pahland@ha.osd.mil.

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