

Biography

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Dr. Hoge received his BA from Sarah Lawrence College in 1980 and his medical degree from University of Maryland in 1984. He specialized in internal medicine (Johns' Hopkins, Baltimore City Hospitals) and infectious diseases (University of Maryland, Geographic Medicine). From 1989-1991, he served in the U.S. Public Health Service as an Epidemiology Intelligence Service (EIS) officer at Centers for Disease Control, where he was lead investigator for outbreak investigations. He left the USPHS to join the Army in 1991 and spent the next six years, including four years in Thailand, conducting field studies on the treatment and prevention of enteric infections that affect U.S. soldiers deployed to developing countries. Between 1997 and 2000, he changed careers and completed a residency in psychiatry at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He is board certified in internal medicine, infectious diseases, and psychiatry.

Between 2000 and 2009, Dr. Hoge directed a prominent research program focused on mitigating the mental health impact of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He served as Director of the Division of Psychiatry and Neurosciences from 2004 until 2009 where he supervised 100 professionals involved in behavioral health, traumatic brain injury, and sleep deprivation research efforts. He has directed the WRAIR Land Combat study and the fielding of annual Mental Health Advisory Teams (MHATs) to Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Hoge deployed to Iraq as an MHAT2 team leader in 2004. His research program has been responsible for increased war-related funding for mental health initiatives, the post-deployment health re-assessment, revised Army Combat and Operational Stress Control doctrine, improved distribution of mental health professionals in-theater, stigma reduction programs, Battlemind training, and standardized training for deploying behavioral health personnel. Dr. Hoge retired from Active Duty in August 2009, and is now serving as the Army Office of the Surgeon General Neuropsychiatry Research Consultant. He is an attending psychiatrist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he supervises residents and treats service members, veterans, and families.

Dr. Hoge has published approximately 100 peer-reviewed articles, letters, and chapters, including 8 publications in *New England J of Medicine*, 7 in *JAMA*, and 4 in *Lancet*. Articles concerning the mental health impact of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan (*New England J of Medicine* July 2004; *JAMA* March 2006, *JAMA* 2007) and mild traumatic brain injury (*New England J of Medicine* January 2008 and April 2009) are some of the most widely cited medical articles from the OIF/OEF wars. Dr. Hoge has appeared frequently on national television and radio news shows, and has testified on 4 occasions before Senate and House Congressional committees.