



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Policy for HIV, Drug, and Alcohol Testing for USUHS Accessions

The Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) discontinued performing HIV and drug tests in 1995 because the low incidence of positive tests justified screening later in the officer accession process to save the cost of screening all applicants. The Services now perform the necessary testing as part of the commissioning physical examination, or at cadet inprocessing.

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) has continued to rely upon DoDMERB to perform this function. Please make arrangements to perform the HIV and drug screens on your Service's accepted applicants at their point of accession, beginning with the Class of 2001.

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