Health Care Delivery Subcommittee

Advancement and Sustainment of Amputee Care

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Membership

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“Review the full spectrum of amputee care, and define a strategy for preserving and continuing these advancements, identifying the best possible care to our beneficiaries.”

- Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum dated January 20, 2013
Terms of Reference

- Review the full spectrum of amputee care;
- Identify and list sources of best practices at the field trauma care, initial surgery, reconstructive procedure, and rehabilitative levels of care;
- Determine how to maintain continued advancements as a drawdown of Service members takes place;
- Identify areas of clinical and technologic research for DoD to support; and,
- Determine strategies to ensure that the military preserves the existing level of excellence and that no progress is lost over time.

Pre-decisional
Meetings to Date:

- **August 14, 2013**
  - Kick-off Teleconference

- **September 25, 2013**
  - Meeting at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center;
  - Military Advanced Training Center site visit

- **October 24, 2013**
  - Teleconference

- **November 15, 2013**
  - Teleconference
Upcoming Meetings:

- December 18-19, 2013 – Meeting in San Antonio
  - Site visit of the Center for the Intrepid and the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center

- January/February/March 2014 - Projected
  - Teleconference
  - Meeting in San Diego
    - Site visit of Comprehensive Combat and Complex Casualty Care Program
  - Meeting with Veterans Affairs
    - Focus on research and capacity for providing amputee care
Areas of Interest

• **Patient Load** - It is necessary to have a patient load to sustain and advance expertise. However, blast injury amputees differ from civilian trauma or diabetic amputees.

• **Current Environment** - Current DoD amputee care infrastructure and functions.

• **Collaboration** - Potential partnership with VA, HHS, NIH and others.

• **Models** - The Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center as a potential model.

• **Technology** - Use of technology and simulation to maintain skills.
Way Forward

- Continue monthly teleconferences or meetings;
- Information gathering through mid-2014;
- Assemble findings and begin deliberation of recommendations; and
- Estimated draft report for August 2014 DHB meeting.
Questions?