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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON PROCEDURES FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO POST TRAUMATIC STRESS, POLY-PHARMACY, PAIN MANAGEMENT, AND/OR TRAUMATIC BRIAN INJURY

REF/A/OTSG/MEDCOM POLICY MEMO 10-019/23MAR10/CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (AMEDD) OBTAINED BECAUSE OF OFFICIAL POSITION//
REF/B/OTSG/MEDCOM POLICY MEMO 10-032/30APR10/RELEASE OF ACTIONABLE MEDICAL INFORMATION//

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON REQUIRED CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO POST TRAUMATIC STRESS, POLY-PHARMACY, PAIN MANAGEMENT, AND/OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, TO INCLUDE MEDIA INTERVIEWS, DATA, STATISTICS, POLICIES, WEB POSTINGS, VIDEOS, TALKING POINTS, PLANS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MANUSCRIPTS, BRIEFINGS, ARTICLES, ETC.
2. (U) DUE TO THE HIGH VOLUME OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON THESE TOPICS AND DESIRE TO PROVIDE CURRENT INFORMATION, ARMY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS MUST ENSURE THAT ACCURATE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO SOLDIERS, THEIR FAMILIES, LEADERS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE MEDIA. THIS REVIEW WILL NOT IN ANY WAY HALT THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION. THE INTENT IS TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY WHILE ENSURING RELEASED INFORMATION COMPLIES WITH ARMY POLICIES, PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS AND OPERATIONAL SECURITY DIRECTIVES.
3. (U) PRIOR TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON THESE ISSUES MATERIAL MUST BE STAFFED THROUGH LOCAL SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, LOCAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS (PAO) AND LOCAL OPERATION SECURITY OFFICERS. INFORMATION RELEASE REQUESTS MUST ALSO BE REVIEWED BY OTSG/MEDCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND OTSG/MEDCOM OPERATIONS SECURITY PROGRAM MANAGER. IN CASES WHERE ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED COMPLEX BY OTSG/MEDCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND OTSG/MEDCOM OPERATIONS SECURITY PROGRAM MANAGER, THE INFORMATION MUST BE REVIEWED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL, FORCE PROJECTION. SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS WHO ROUTINELY SPEAK WITH THE MEDIA OR PUBLICLY ON ARMY MEDICAL ISSUES ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THEIR PAO FOR GUIDANCE ON ATTENDING MEDIA TRAINING.

4. (U) INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR INFORMATION RELEASE MUST WORK THROUGH LOCAL PAOS. INFORMATION MUST BE FORWARDED FOR REVIEW AT LEAST 14-DAYS PRIOR TO ANY SCHEDULED RELEASE.

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6. (U) EXPIRATION DATE: 16 NOV 2013.