



Clinical Readiness Project: Maintenance of Expeditionary Currency and Competency

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Overview



- What's the problem to be solved?
 - Perishable skills
 - Current fragmented approach not sufficient
- What's our solution?
 - Clinical Readiness Project
 – A way to capture and sustain the skills necessary to meet expeditionary need includes:
 - Knowledge, skills, and Attributes (KSAs)
 - Expeditionary Maintenance of Currency and Competency (MOC²)
- What are the KSAs?
 - Data centric, specialty developed, expeditionary mission unique clinical tasks
- How do we get KSAs?
 - Build a healthcare system around readiness
 - MTF Care, TAA, ODE, VA KSA metric
 - Assessment Knowledge, Skills

Foundation of a Ready Medical Force



Clinical Readiness Lifecycle









The current fragmented approach to expeditionary specialty skills training, refinement and retention in the MHS is not sufficient to maintain critical wartime combat casualty care skill sets

We recognize, however, the discordance between the skills we train for in peacetime against the requirement in war. Identifying approaches to remain proficient in critical skills is a challenge **for Navy Medicine.** (BUMED SSG Critical Skills Sustainment)

Pre-deployment training surveys, observations, insights, and lessons (OIL) indicate that clinical specific pre-deployment training provided to deploying personnel does not consistently and/or adequately prepare individuals to quickly assume their medical duties while deployed. (MEDCOM OPORD 17-17)







- First, expand and accelerate work on knowledge, skills, and abilities for the deployable medical force to ensure that we are better positioned to measure and ensure the readiness of our medical staff for contingency operations.
- Second, conduct a zero-based budget review of military medical treatment facilities, develop a standardized methodology for military treatment facility resource allocation, and begin the development of a single accounting system supporting the Military Health System, to ensure efficient resourcing of military treatment facilities and facilitate system-wide auditability, down to the level of individual military treatment facilities.
- Third, develop and present to me alternate courses of action to implement reform of the administration of the Defense Health Agency and military medical treatment facilities, as required by section 702 of the NDAA for FY 2017.

In carrying out the requirements of this Memorandum, the USD(P&R) shall work in coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Joint Staff, and with the support of appropriate elements of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Each Secretary shall designate a senior official in the Military Department to serve as lead for this effort. My point of

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What is Currency?



- Practice Makes Perfect
- 10,000 hour rule
- Factual knowledge
- Procedural skill
- Context
- Judgment
- Environment



From the flying world:

"The idea of requiring currency is to ensure that pilots' skill sets are, at the very minimum, what they were when the pilots earned their certificates or ratings."

- Tom Benenson, Flying, Oct 26, 2011

Pilots distinguish between currency and proficiency

- Currency required tasks/competencies accomplished within a given time period
- Proficiency ability to perform a skill (fly) with expert correctness

- Frank Lombardi, Rotor&Wing, Mar 1, 2010



Solution



 Implementation of specialty community supported, data driven metrics and processes that link clinical practice to deployed clinical experience. These metrics and processes will support Service and individual efforts to resource and sustain a ready medical force.

Four key parts:

- Development of a measurable "readiness" value of predeployment practice
- Periodic assessment of knowledge and abilities aligned with a relevant curriculum
- Pre-deployment assessment of procedural skills
- Train/Retrain when necessary focused by the above assessments





Tiered Approach to Clinical Skills

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- Core Clinical Competence
 - Primary board certification
 - Specialty Maintenance of certification (MOC)
 - Hospital privileges
 - Participation in ongoing hospital CQI activity.
- [Joint] Military Medical Skills
 - Universal skills that all military healthcare providers deploying to a war zone should have.
 - TCCC and ATLS-OE
- [Joint] Essential KSAs (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities)
 - Define the knowledge base, skills, abilities needed for the provider and to develop means of assessing both cognitive and procedural tasks
 - [Service-specific] Military Medical Skills
 - Skills required to perform key tasks and work in service-specific clinical environments and platforms
 - Surface and undersea care, dive medicine, CCAT

Service Specific Requirements added to common KSAs



Strategic Partnership Military Health System & American College of Surgeons







MHSSPACS: Focusing on Quality and Skill Sustainment



- Strategic Partnership focused on shared ethos
 - Military Health System Strategic Partnership American College of Surgeons (MHSSPACS)
- Initial agreement signed Oct 2014 between ACS Executive Director and ASD/HA
- Led by executive committee with equitable service representation
 - Chaired by Executive Director (ACS) and USU WR Chair of Surgery
- Three focus areas/working groups with defined deliverables
 - Quality
 - Systems
 - Education and Training
- Re-establishment of the Excelsior Society





Developed Casualty Care Specialty KSAs



7 KSA Blueprint Session Scope

Tri-Service representation



Specialties involved



KSA Blueprint Session

- Defined Role 2+ expeditionary clinician by Specialty
- Defined scope of expeditionary practice by Specialty
- Utilized SME, JTS CPGs, case logs and external materials to determine necessary down-range skills
- Developed ~2,800 KSAs organized into 52 Domains by Specialty



Common KSA's Can Inform UME and GME





KSA BLUEPRINT



KSA Blueprint Session Participants







KSA Blueprint Session Overview



Over the course of three-to-five days, the various participants worked together to complete the defined tasks

TASK 1:

Provide clear overview of blueprint session goal: identifying clinical, down-range KSAs



TASK 2:

By Specialty, define "who" will be impacted by program in "Test Definition Specification" document

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TASK 3:

Review CPGs and using General Surgery KSAs and other applicable Specialty KSAs as reference, develop KSAs

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KSA Blueprint Session Overview



TASK 4:

Review non-CPG materials (e.g., textbooks, curriculum) that provide insight into necessary down-range capabilities

TASK 5:

Ensure Universal Domains (KSAs applicable to multiple domains) are reviewed and agreed upon

TASK 6: Organize Domains as determined by Specialty



Lecture Specific Objectives

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TASK 7:

Review General Surgery "scope of expeditionary practice" and modify tools and skills required for respective Specialty

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ACGME Based Methodology



Review of JTS CPGs, R2 Registry, References

Grouped into 8 Expeditionary Domains

TRAINAA	Wound & Amputation /Fx Mgt	Head and Spine Injury	Torso Trauma
CARE	Management of War Wounds	Cervical and TL Spine Injury	Pelvic Fracture Care
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	Transfusion and Resuscitation	Airway and Breathing	Critical Care/Prevention
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	Damage Control Resuscitation	Acute Respiratory Failure	Preventaion of DVT
	Fresh Whole Blood	Trauma Anesthesia	Catastrophic Care
	Inj Doc Resus Record	Inhalational Injury	Infection Control
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	UXO Management	Systems Based Practice	
	TCCC/ Prehospital Care	Practice Based Learning and Improvement	
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Developed by a tri-service team of 14 military surgeons with deployment experience facilitated by the ACS

Educationally based methodology exportable to all critical specialties



Matching Clinical Work to KSAs





Medical Treatment Facilities Have Substantial Readiness Value



KSA Based Readiness Metric



Multiplying the KSA score by IWPUT (KSA Intensity Score) creates a more normalized curve for some procedures compared to multiplying the KSA score by wRVU

CPT Code	Procedure	KSA Score (Notional) ¹	wRVU		KSA Intensity Score ³
47130	Hepatectomy	279.98	57.19	0.1338	37.46
48153	Pancreatectomy	240.46	52.79	0.0727	17.48
35301	Thromboendarterectomy	121.51	21.16	0.104	12.64
19303	Mastectomy	102.22	15.85	0.0977	9.99
49000	Redo Laparotomy (Early)	128.74	12.54	0.0643	8.28
47562	Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	100.02	10.47	0.0701	7.01
49560	Inguinal Hernia	74.94	11.92	0.0906	6.79
44120	Enterectomy	174.09	20.82	0.0379	6.60
11043	Debridement Muscle and Fascia	127.79	2.70	0.0506	6.47
43235	EGD	56.44	2.19	0.0925	5.22
60240	Thyroidectomy	76.26	39.01	0.0682	5.20
32551	Chest Tube Insertion	50.74	3.29	0.1011	5.13
31600	Tracheostomy	37.92	7.17	0.1143	4.33
15100	Split-thickness Skin Graft	68.06	9.90	0.0533	3.63
15003	Excision of Eschar	63.44	0.80	0.0518	3.29
15734	Myocutaneous Muscle Flap	44.96	19.86	0.0505	2.27
10061	Incision and Drainage of Abcess	26.09	2.45	0.0392	1.02
36558	Central Venous Catheter Insertion	9.90	4.84	0.0907	0.90



1 IWPUT = RUC database intensity score



Threshold Development



Diversity



Volume

F	SA Score	Compar	ison
	Avg 75%	Avg 90%	Avg 99%
FST	2,161	2,558	2,989
MTF	32,382	37,749	115,789

The 75th percentile of the Forward Surgical Team's (FST) volume translated into a KSA Score was used due to feasibility

Acuity

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E&M and select less complex procedures' contribution for the KSA Score Threshold was limited to minimize achievement of Readiness from less complex procedures

Links Garrison to Expeditionary Clinical Practice



KSA Threshold to Workforce Comparison





Compared to MHS:

- General Surgery
 - For FY16, 53% of General Surgeons meet and/or exceed the KSA Score Threshold
 - 23% of uniformed general surgeons exceeded 40% of MGMA threshold in FY2016 P4I data
- Orthopedic Surgery
 - For FY16, 77% of Orthopedic Surgeons meet and/or exceed the KSA Score Threshold
 - 34% of uniformed Orthopedic surgeons exceeded 40% of MGMA threshold in FY2016 – P4I data



Compared to Civilian Practice:

- General Surgery
 - Currently Army general surgeons have a mean of ~117 cases per year
 - Civilian practice averages; ~500 cases per year

KSA Score Thresholds: general surgery (16,000) and ortho surgery (20,000) appear realistic and achievable



Real-time Physician and MTF Dashboard







Dashboard web link for easy access and viewing





MOC² APPROACH



Expeditionary Maintenance of Currency and US Competency (MOC²)

- Four Key Elements
 - Periodic assessment of knowledge and abilities aligned with a relevant curriculum;
 - Pre-deployment assessment of procedural skills;
 - Training/Retraining when necessary focused by the above assessments;
 - Development of a measurable "readiness" value of pre-deployment practice.
- Offsets:
 - Reduced need for pre-deployment trauma training if surgeon is deemed proficient
 - Standardizes requirement for existing Tier 3 trauma preparation courses
 - Meets ABMS MOC requirements





KSA Assessment and Testing Detail





Pre-deployment assessment of procedural skills





SKILLS DEMONSTRATION



INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT





PROOF OF CONCEPT



Purpose



 Use the concepts and tools developed in the clinical setting to identify strengths and barriers in managing provider cases to KSAs



KSA Proof of Concept



- General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery will participate in a 12-month Proof of Concept to test the KSA methodology and effectiveness of the management tool
- Additional specialties are at varying stages in KSA methodology development and may be included in future Proofs of Concept





Proof of Concept Summary



- The KSA methodology and dashboard for General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery will be tested during a 12 month long Proof of Concept at multiple MTFs
- The Proof of Concept and associated Clinician Readiness Dashboard is designed to expose this readiness
 assessment tool and methodology to a Military Treatment Facility's (MTF) clinical management team and gather
 feedback to refine the tool and methodology
- All Services and the NCR are participating in the Proof of Concept at the following MTFs:
 - Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
 - Fort Belvoir Community Hospital
 - William Beaumont Army Medical Center
 - Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton
 - 96th Medical Group
 - David Grant USAF Medical Center
- Walter Reed and Fort Belvoir served as first locations; KSA Support Team conducted site visits in September and October to meet with providers, clinical leads, and administrative staff and kickoff Proof of Concept





Proof of Concept Timeline



		Septe	ember		October				November						Dece	mber		January			
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Proof of Concept Metrics



In order to assess the success of the KSA Readiness Management trial in the NCR, operational and performance metrics must be put into place

Domain	Potential Metrics
	 Labor hours linked to managing this program (MTF level, Market level, DHA level)
	 No unfavorable change on patient access to needed care (e.g., Changes in third-next available appointment for relevant specialties)
Operational	 % of providers meeting the MGMA target within relevant clinical specialties
	 Change in OR utilization
	 Increased accuracy in workload capture (coding)
	 Number of of requested changes to management tool
Financial	 Increase in MTF CMI for relevant clinical specialties
	 Increase (including % change) in number of clinicians that reach target KSA score
Readiness	 Increase in average clinician diversity score
	 Change in caseload per surgeon
Clinical Outcomes	 No increase in patient safety events within relevant clinical specialties (e.g., Sentinel Events or Patient Safety Reports)
	 No unfavorable change in relevant quality metrics (e.g., 30-day readmissions, complications, mortality)





During site visits at Walter Reed and Fort Belvoir, providers offered feedback on the KSA Proof of Concept

"You talk about defining moments in military medical history – this is it."

"I really value what you guys are doing."

"I think this is great. It's music to my ears." *"I'm all for it if we can try to make things a little more purposeful with our deployment."*



Summary



- Implementation of specialty community supported, data driven metrics and processes that link clinical practice to deployed clinical experience
- Supports Service efforts to resource and sustain a ready medical force
- Supports MTFs as clinical readiness platforms
- Scalable process that mirrors approach in other DOD specialties
- Addresses clinical readiness complexity in understandable way
- Potential to link expeditionary KSA's throughout all stages of learning (UME → GME → CME)
- Defined current gaps in simulation based assessment and learning
- Informs FY2017 NDAA Sections 703, 705, 706, 708, 725







Back-up



KSA Blueprint Session Participants General Surgery



Tri-Service representatives were selected from each specialty to participate in the KSA development. The General Surgery participants also included clinical and non-clinical SMEs from MSSPACS

Specialty	Service	Name		
General Surgery	Air Force	Lt Col Travis Gerlach		
General Surgery	Air Force	Col Mary Guye		
General Surgery	Air Force	Lt Col Thomas Stamp		
General Surgery	Air Force	Maj Fi A Yi		
General Surgery	Army	COL Brian S. Burlingame		
General Surgery	Army	COL Mary J. Edwards		
General Surgery	Army	LTC Jennifer M. Gurney		
General Surgery	Army	LTC Jonathan B. Lundy		
General Surgery	Navy	CDR Rodd Benfield		
General Surgery	Navy	CAPT Ted Edson		
General Surgery	Navy	CDR Robert P. Hinks		
General Surgery	Navy	CAPT Craig Shepps		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Col E. Matthew Ritter		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Anne Rizzo		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Col Jeffrey Bailey		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	CAPT Eric Elster		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	M. Margaret Knudson		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Patricia Turner		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	David Hoyt		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Ajit Sachdeva		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Patrice Blair		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Sara S. Hennings		
General Surgery	MHSSPACS	Garrett G. Kirk		



KSA Blueprint Session Participants Critical Care, Emergency Med, Anesthesia, Nursing



Tri-Service representatives were selected from each specialty to participate in the KSA development

Specialty	Service	Name	Specialty	Service	Name
Critical Care	Army	Champion - COL Christopher Lettieri	Anesthesia	Air Force	Champion – Lt Col Napoleon "Skip" Roux
Critical Care	Air Force	Col Jerry Fortuna	Anesthesia	Air Force	Lt Col Michael Garrett
Critical Care	Air Force	Lt Col Sean Macdermott	Anesthesia	Air Force	Maj Joshua Lindquist
Critical Care	Army	LTC Matthew Borgman	Anesthesia	Air Force	Maj Michael Tiger
Critical Care	Army	COL Alan DeAngelo			
Critical Care	Army	LTC Jeffrey Mikita	Anesthesia	Air Force	Lt Col Matthew Uber
Critical Care	Army	LTC Jeremy Pamplin	Anesthesia	Army	MAJ Samuel Blacker
Critical Care	Navy	CDR Sean McKay	Anesthesia	Army	COL Donna Moore
Emergency Med	Army	Champion - COL Ian Wedmore	Anesthesia	Army	LTC David Ruffin
Emergency Med	Air Force	Col Terry Lonergan	Anesthesia	Army	LTC Jeffrey Thompson
Emergency Med	Air Force	Maj Torree McGowan	Anesthesia	Army	MAJ Matthew D'Angelo
Emergency Med	Air Force	Lt Col Bryan Szalwinski	Anesthesia	Navy	CDR John Benjamin
Emergency Med	Army	LTC Jason Bothwell	Anesthesia	Navy	CDR Kyle Berry
Emergency Med	Army	LTC Stewart McCarver		,	
Emergency Med	Navy	CAPT Michael Matteucci	Anesthesia	Navy	CDR Justice Parrott
Emergency Med	Navy	CDR Jeffrey Ricks	Anesthesia	USMC	CAPT Mitch Moon
Emergency Med	Navy	CDR Bettina Sauter	Critical Care Nursing	Air Force	Maj Myrna Spencer
Emergency Med	USMC	CDR Wayne Smith	Critical Care Nursing	Army	LTC Jana Nohrenberg
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			Emergency Med Nursing	Air Force	Nursing Champion - Lt Col Peter Kulis

Emergency Med Nursing

Emergency Med Nursing

Army

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KSA Blueprint Session Participants Orthopedic Surgery



Tri-Service representatives were selected from each specialty to participate in the KSA development

Specialty	Service	Name	
Orthopedic Surgery	Air Force	Champion - Lt Col Chris Lebrun	
Orthopedic Surgery	Air Force	Col Michael Charlton	
Orthopedic Surgery	Air Force	Lt Col Erik Nott	
Orthopedic Surgery	Air Force	Lt Col James Dombrowski	
Orthopedic Surgery	Air Force	Maj Ryan Finnan	
Orthopedic Surgery	Army	LTC Kenneth Nelson	
Orthopedic Surgery	Army	LTC Mark McAndrew	
Orthopedic Surgery	Army	LTC Jean-Claude D'Alleyrand	
Orthopedic Surgery	Navy	CDR George Nanos	
Orthopedic Surgery	Navy	CDR Charles Osier	
Orthopedic Surgery	Navy	LCDR Christopher Smith	



Expert Trauma System





Feedback & Assessment (individual / system + adaptability)

