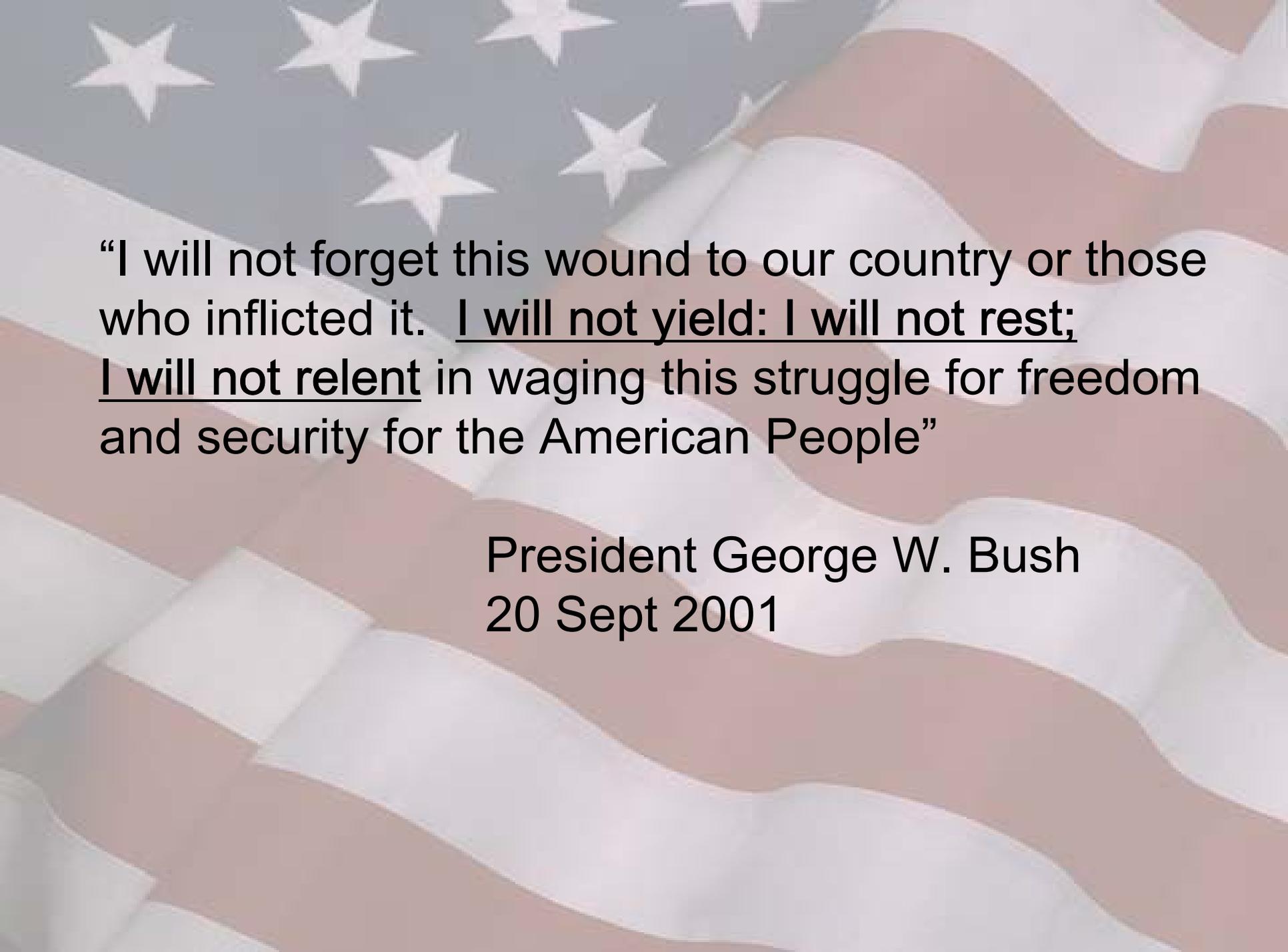


Pre and Post Deployment Medical Surveillance

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“I will not forget this wound to our country or those who inflicted it. I will not yield: I will not rest; I will not relent in waging this struggle for freedom and security for the American People”

President George W. Bush
20 Sept 2001

Pre and Post Deployment



From LTG Peake

“Commanders/supervisors at every level must meet the mission to complete pre and post-deployment health assessments on all deploying soldiers. This is the only method for ensuring your soldiers the best treatment possible. We owe it to our soldiers to do this correctly and not repeat the same lessons learned from Operation Desert Storm.”

Conflicting Guidance

- Guidance currently out is conflicting because of the rapidity of change post 9/11.
- ALARACT Message DTG 282117Z Feb 2002 is the key reference
- Other Guidance documents:
 - Joint Staff Memorandum, “Updated Procedures for Deployment Health Surveillance and Readiness,” MCM-0006-02, 1 February 2002
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Memorandum, “Updated Policy for Pre- and Post-Deployment Health Assessments and Blood Samples, HA Policy 01-017, 25 October 2001.
 - ANNEX E (Medical and Dental), Personnel Planning Guidance ISO ONE-OEF
 - MEMO, MCPO-NCR, Subject: Pre- and Post-Deployment Health Assessments, 4 January 2002.

Pre-Deployment (DD Form 2795)

- When: Within 30 days prior to deploying
- Who:
 - Active duty: JCS Troop deployment order in excess of 30 days to a land-based location outside the US that does not have a permanent MTF
 - Reserves and National Guard: Called to active duty for 30 days or more CONUS or O'CONUS
 - Others as designated by the HQDA G-1 in PPG

Pre-Deployment (DD Form 2795)

- Service member must sign the completed form
- Form must be reviewed and signed by a health care provider. (PPG, JCS Memo)
 - Reviewer may be a medic or health care provider
 - Must be signed by a health care provider – defined as a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, independent duty medical technician

Pre-Deployment (DD Form 2795)

- Positive responses to questions 2-4 and 7-8 must be referred to a health care provider for appropriate follow-up.
- Responses of “I don’t know” to question 4 also and “No” to question 5 also require referral to a provider.
- If the soldier has health concerns related to a past deployment, use the VA/DOD Post Deployment Clinical Practice Guideline to provide guidance for follow-up actions.

Pre-Deployment (DD Form 2795)

- Distribution of the form
 - Original, signed-form in the soldier's permanent health record
 - Copy of the signed form in the soldier's DD Form 2766 (Adult Preventive and Chronic Care Flow Sheet - often called the "Deployable health record.")
 - Copy of the signed-form mailed **via trackable next-day mail** to:

Army Medical Surveillance Activity
Building T-20, Room 213
(ATTN: MCHB-TS-EDM, Deployment Surveillance)
6900 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001
(202) 782-0471 DSN 662

Post-Deployment (DD Form 2796)

- When: Within 5 days of redeployment or at the de-mobilization site
- Who: Personnel who are required to fill out a DD Form 2795

Post-Deployment (DD Form 2796)

- Distribution of the form
 - Original, signed-form in the soldier's permanent health record upon return to home station
 - Copy of the signed-form mailed **via trackable next-day mail** to:
 - Army Medical Surveillance Activity
 - Building T-20, Room 213
 - (ATTN: MCHB-TS-EDM, Deployment Surveillance)
 - 6900 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
 - Washington, D.C. 20307-5001
 - (202) 782-0471 DSN 662

Post-Deployment (DD Form 2796)

- Service member must sign the completed form
- Form must be reviewed and signed by a health care provider. (PPG, JCS Memo)
 - Reviewer may be a medic or health care provider
 - Must be signed by a health care provider – defined as a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, independent duty medical technician
 - Positive responses to questions to any of the questions must be referred to a health care provider for appropriate follow-up

Post-Deployment (DD Form 2796)

- Positive response to question 5 possible OEH exposures that may affect your health is **IMPORTANT**.
- Key questions to ask include:
 - What were you exposed to?
 - What were you doing when you were exposed?
 - How often did this occur (5 times during the deployment, daily, weekly etc.)?
 - How long were you exposed?
 - How far were you from the source?
 - Were you wearing any personal protective equipment?
- Questions form the basis for determining exposure and health information

Clinician Information for Patients

- Clinician conducting the interview needs the information to answer soldier questions concerning health risk
- USACHPPM health risk USACHPPM TG276 information should be used as the basis for answering health risk questions
- CD has clinician information for exposures for Operation Enduring Freedom

VA/DOD Post Deployment Clinical Practice Guideline

- Providers will use the VA/DOD Post Deployment Clinical Practice Guideline for follow-up of deployment related illnesses
 - CD provided contains the CPG and the tool kit
 - Tool kit has already been mailed to the UM shops in MEDCOM
- This will impact MTF workload
- OEH Exposures – Depleted Uranium

VA/DOD Post Deployment CPG



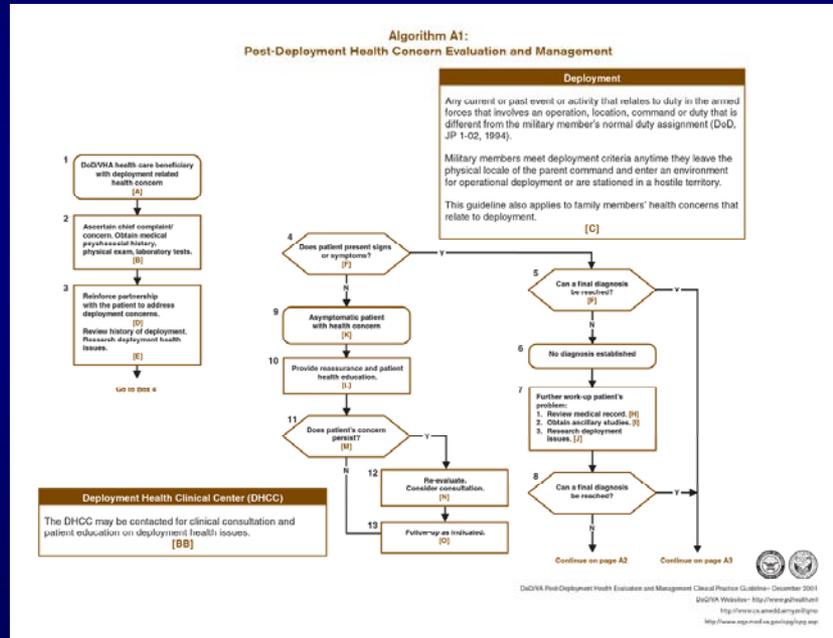
DoD/VA PDH CPG Tool Kit

Provider Reminder Cards: Algorithms

A1: Asymptomatic Concerned

A2: Management of Patient with Medically unexplained Physical Symptoms

A3: Management of Patient with established diagnosis



VA/DOD Post Deployment CPG



DoD/VA PDH CPG Tool Kit

- Three-ring Binder
 - Narrative CPG with Questionnaires (PHQ-Brief, SF-12, SF-36, etc.)
 - Sample/Description of each tool and support strategy
- Provider Reminder Cards
- Documentation Form (DD 2844)
- Clinic Stamps
- Reference Book(s)
- Web sites
- Patient Informational Brochures
- Patient Marketing tools

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Pre and Post Deployment Forms

- Commanders will use MEDPROS to document completion of these forms
 - Instructions for obtaining access to MEDPROS will be presented in a subsequent presentation
 - Use of approved (MEDCOM OPS) automated systems is authorized
- Forms are available on the CD provided and at <http://amsa.army.mil>
- Use the current forms
 - “DDFORM 2795, MAY 1999” in the lower left hand corner of the each page of the two-sided document, and “ASD (HA) APPROVED SEPTEMBER 1998 Ver 1.3” in the lower right
 - “DDFORM 2796, MAY 1999” in the lower left hand corner of the each page of the two-sided document, and “ASD (HA) APPROVED SEPTEMBER 1998 Ver 1.3” in the lower right

Pre and Post Deployment Forms

- Forms must be filled out legibly in ink and printed back to back, head to head. Computer generated forms are acceptable and desirable as long as they are signed
- Do not use chemically impregnated or pressure sensitive paper. Do not staple forms.
- Enter the location, country and (or) operation in which the soldier is participating
- Provide soldiers with the correct spelling of the location, country and operation (spell out the operation)
- Do not enter “classified” or “data mask” or other uninformative information for location, country and operation – Leave blank if this is the case.

Contents of the CD's Provided

- All of the referenced documents
- VA/DOD Post-Deployment CPG and tool kit
- Copies of each of the forms named
- USACHPPM TG276 – The Ultimate Preventive Medicine CD-ROM Resource set
- Copies of the USACHPPM health information products
- Copies of Medical Threat Briefings

USACHPPM TG276

- NIOSH Databases
- Chemical and Biological Warfare Sampling Guidance
- Drinking water management
- Waste Management
- Retrograde Operations
- Pest Management
- Joint Medical Surveillance documents
- Occupational and Environmental Health
- Field Sanitation and Hygiene
- Food Safety
- Epidemiology
- Radiation Safety
- Training
- Operations
- General Medical Threats

USACHPPM TG276

- General Medical Threats
 - Cold Injury
 - Heat Injury
 - High Elevations
 - Guides to Staying Healthy
 - Regional Disease Vector Ecology Profiles
 - Medical threat briefings for ONE and OEF
 - Depleted Uranium

Questions?