

## THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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## MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND **RESERVE AFFAIRS**) ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND **RESERVE AFFAIRS**) ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS) DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Tactical Combat Casualty Care

Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) trauma management guidelines are specifically designed for use in the pre-hospital battlefield environment. Multiple published reports have documented the usefulness of TCCC on the battlefield.

TCCC guidelines were recently updated based on the recommended changes from the Committee on TCCC, a sub-panel of the Defense Health Board. The recommendations are based on review of pre-hospital trauma literature, direct input from experienced combat medical personnel, and numerous studies performed by eminent authorities within disciplines related to clinical health care and delivery.

Updated TCCC training guidelines are available for your use and posted on the Military Health System Web site at http://www.health.mil/Education And Training/TCCC.aspx. COL William Corr, Director of Operational Medicine and Medical Force Requirements, is the point of contact for TCCC. COL Corr may be reached at (703) 578-8576, or William.Corr@tma.osd.mil.

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