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SUBJECT: Deployment Medical Surveillance

Deployment Medical Surveillance is an important process in Force Health Protection and has been mandated by the President, Congress, DoD Joint Staff, Health Affairs, and AF policy. Successful implementation of deployment surveillance is a team effort that requires timely cooperation between multiple organizations to ensure all relevant activities are completed.

Specific guidance for Deployment Medical Surveillance is listed at Attachment 1 to this memo. The JCS memo from 4 December 1998 supersedes interim guidance from AFMOA dated 17 August 1998; for any discrepancy the higher level policy should be followed. A DoDI on Deployment Surveillance is currently under coordination for release in the near future.

Health Service Inspections and other auditing and review processes have identified particular problems in completion of pre- and post-deployment health assessments and in forwarding of HIV screening sera to the serum repository. Post-deployment health assessments are to be done in theater on redeployment. If this is not possible the home base medical authorities should ensure they are completed and forwarded as outlined in the 4 December 1998 JCS memo. MTFs should have processes in place to assure compliance. Best practices on pre- and post-deployment screening are available from the IG at <http://www-afia.saia.af.mil>.

MTFs must work with DP personnel to ensure all deploying personnel report for pre- and post-deployment medical processing. Pre-deployment processing must include an HIV serum sample submitted within 12 months prior to deploying per the 4 December 1998 JCS memo. ALL laboratories doing local HIV screening MUST forward split serum from the blood samples for placement in the DoD Serum Repository. Details for this process are available at Attachment 2. POCs are Col Dana Bradshaw and Maj Steve Niehoff, AFMOA/SGOP, DSN 297-4286, or (202) 767-4286.

  
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- Attachments:
1. Guidance for Deployment Surveillance
  2. Serum Storage Guidance

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## Guidance for Deployment Surveillance

DoDI 6490.3	Implementation and Application of Joint Medical Surveillance for Deployments	Aug 7, 1997
DoDD 6490.2	Joint Medical Surveillance	Aug 30, 1997
AFMOA memo	Deployment Medical Surveillance	17 Aug 98
JCS memo	Deployment Health Surveillance and Readiness	4 Dec 98

These documents are available at <http://pestilence.brooks.af.mil> and/or <http://cba.ha.osd.mil>.

## Serum Storage Guidance

An HIV sample must be drawn within 12 months prior to deployment. **All specimens for HIV testing should be sent to USAF HIV Testing Services, IERA/SDET, 2601 West Gate Road, Suite 114, Brooks AFB TX 78235-5241 (DSN 240-8934; formerly Armstrong Lab).** If local contract HIV testing is done, the laboratory manager must ship corresponding split of serum specimen, with HIV test request, to USAF HIV Testing Services. If testing is done by an approved USAF laboratory, the laboratory manager must ship corresponding split of serum specimen and results to USAF HIV Testing Services. IERA/SDET will ship AD, Guard and Reserve samples to the Department of Defense Serum Repository (DoDSR). This will ensure requirements are met for HIV screening and predeployment serum sample. This requirement also applies to HIV positive blood donor unit screening.