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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Tri-Service Reportable Events Document

A Tri-Service preventive medicine working group under the Joint Preventive Medicine Policy Group achieved consensus on the list of Tri-Service Reportable Events and the consensus list of reportable medical events was published in July of this year. The electronic version of the document can be found at the Army Medical Surveillance Activity Internet homepage (http://amsa.army.mil/). The consensus list uses predetermined selection criteria derived from stated objectives of each of the Services for medical event reporting. The principal goal of this document is to achieve data consistency and standardization in order to facilitate analysis and comparison of data collected by each Service. The Tri-Service consensus list of reportable medical events will be used by all Services. The collected data will be integrated into the Defense Medical Surveillance System.

The Defense Medical Surveillance System, which is supported by the Army Medical Surveillance Activity, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, will integrate data from the Services' medical surveillance programs to achieve data comparability and interchange. This data will be available to all three Services for further reporting and analysis.

Consult the following individual Service points of contact with Service-specific questions about the implementation of these guidelines:

Army: COL DeFraites, Army Medical Surveillance Activity, DSN 662-0471
Navy: CDR Hooker, Navy Environmental Health Center, DSN 864-5603
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Future modifications of the list of Tri-Service Reportable Events, case definitions, and required data elements shall be approved by the Joint Preventive Medicine Policy Group.

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