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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 12-077

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands

SUBJECT: Training Policy for International Military Students (IMS) at AMEDD Courses and Facilities

1. References:

- a. Title 10, United States Code, Section 1094, Licensure Requirement for Health-Care Professionals, (2010).
- b. Title 28, United States Code, Section 2674, Liability of United States, (2010).
- c. DoD Directive 6000.6, Defense of Certain Medical Malpractice Claims Against DoD Healthcare Providers, 2 July 2004.
- d. DoD Directive 6025.18-R, DoD Health Information Privacy Regulations, 24 January 2003.
- e. AR 12-15, Joint Security Assistance Training, 3 January 2011.
- f. AR. 40-68, Clinical Quality Management, 22 May 2009.
- g. AR 380-10, Foreign Disclosure and Contacts with Foreign Representatives, 22 June 2005.
- h. AR 550-51, International Agreements, 2 May 2008.
- i. AR 70-41, International Cooperative Research, Development and Acquisition, 23 March 2009.
- j. AR 614-10, US Army Personnel Exchange Program with Armies of Other Nations, 14 July 2011.

2. Purpose: To delineate the scope of practice for International Military Students (IMS) who are participating in AMEDD programs and/or facilities.

3. Proponent: The proponent for this policy is the Director, Health Care Operations.

\*This policy supersedes OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 10-071, 13 Oct 10, subject: Training Policy for International Students at AMEDD Courses and Facilities.

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4. Policy. IMS will have no responsibility in the diagnosis or treatment and will not perform any invasive procedure in the health care of our patients. This policy applies to all international participants in AMEDD training programs regardless of their degree or license, unless waived by the Office of The Surgeon General on a case-by-case basis prior to their arrival at any AMEDD facility. IMS are those military personnel and foreign government employees who are participating in training under the DoD International Military Education and Training Program, a Foreign Military Sales Training case, DoD Exchange Programs, and Military to Military or Government to Government Agreements.

5. Responsibilities: All US personnel operating in AMEDD patient care areas and academic and clinical training programs will ensure strict adherence to this policy.

6. Procedures:

a. The IMS enrolled in any training requiring a clinical phase will be coupled with a US military student so that the IMS may observe all phases of the clinical assignment, participating to the fullest extent possible while remaining within the parameters of this policy. They will not be academically penalized due to these restrictions. When IMS participate in all training phases to include observation of all clinical assignments, they are eligible to receive a certificate of observership.

b. IMS are to fully participate in the intellectual and didactic processes of rendering care and have access to the instruments, records, and tissue samples so that they may gain and share information to the fullest extent possible. In accordance with the provisions of DoDD 6025.18-R, DoD Health Information Privacy Regulations, 24 January 2003, implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), IMS will safeguard the confidentiality of all patients' protected health information to which they gain access during their training in AMEDD courses and facilities.

c. No restrictions are to be placed on their presence within the area of patient treatment provided that required precautions are ensured.

d. Formal numbered courses with AMEDD Center and School approved Program of Instruction (POI) that require the student to perform invasive procedures, must apply for a one time waiver for each POI. Each request will include an extract of the POI that requires the invasive procedure and a risk assessment. Requests for policy waivers will be submitted to the Office of The Surgeon General, ATTN: Health Care Operations, International Programs, 7700 Arlington Blvd., Suite 3SW432, Falls Church, VA 22042.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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