Joint Theater Trauma System Clinical Practice Guideline

USE OF ELECTRONIC CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION IN THE CENTCOM AOR

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1. Goal. To outline the process by which medical information – particularly as it pertains to combat casualty care – is transmitted along the continuum of care. The Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) system will be utilized for clinical documentation where available and operational, and when clinical and operational tempo permit.

2. Background. Information entered electronically into MC4 is visible throughout the continuum of care in the Theater Medical Data Store (TMDS), (formerly the Joint Patient Tracking Application - JPTA). TMDS is accessible from any .mil computer at the following link:
https://207.87.24.38/jpta/external/login.jsp?origURL=https%3A%2F%2F207.87.24.38%2Fjpta%2Fhome.do

- a. TC2 is the preferred module for order entry, inpatient care, and documentation of ancillary services.

- b. AHLTA-T is the preferred module for outpatient documentation.

- c. TMDS is the preferred module for Level IV and Level V facilities to enter documentation on trauma patients originating in the CENTCOM AOR. Information entered into TMDS also allows medical providers down range real time feedback on care provided in the combat theater.

- d. If the preferred module is not available or operational, use one of the remaining two modules, if available. For example, if TC2 is not available to document an inpatient encounter, use AHLTA-T or TMDS.

- e. If no electronic means exist for transmitting medical information, then it is incumbent upon the physician responsible for that patient to ensure that detailed paper records are provided to the next echelon of care to facilitate an orderly hand-off to the next set of providers.

3. Responsibilities. At a minimum, the following information shall be entered:

- a. Detailed admission note (not to be done in lieu of completing the JTTR form)

- b. Operative note(s)

- c. Radiology dictation(s)

- d. Detailed discharge summary

Note: Additional electronic documentation is highly encouraged, including but not limited to nursing documentation, pharmacy entries, and laboratory results.

4. References. None

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