

## CoTCCC Chairmanship Change and Upcoming Guideline Revision

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### CoTCCC Meeting Update, SEP 2023

The Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care (CoTCCC) met in San Antonio on 06-07 September 2023. This meeting was a final review of upcoming change proposals for airway management and traumatic brain injury portions of the TCCC Guidelines. The revised TCCC Guidelines are projected to be voted on and published no later than December 2023. Also discussed at the CoTCCC meeting was the ongoing review of chest trauma management, tourniquet conversion, hemostatics, hemorrhage control methods, tranexamic acid applications, and a comprehensive review of TCCC/prehospital antibiotics. The Committee also continued work on extreme cold weather and pediatric applications within the scope of the TCCC Guidelines. The CoTCCC is also undertaking a comprehensive review and later publication of the TCCC's Top 10 priorities for Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation. The CoTCCC meeting minutes are posted on the JTS website at <https://jts.health.mil/>.

### Chairmanship Changeover

The September CoTCCC meeting also served as the official chairman handover from CAPT Brendon Drew to CAPT Travis Deaton. Since 2019, the committee has been chaired by an active-duty physician, and we are continuing as such for the foreseeable future.

CAPT Brendon Drew, DO, FACEP, FAWM, U.S. Navy, has been the chair of the CoTCCC since September 2019. During his 4-year tour, he and the committee have overseen 8 revision points of the TCCC Guidelines, the massive TCCC curriculum development and delivery of tiers 1-4 (ASM, CLS, CMC, CPP), and has guided 6 ongoing review efforts of TCCC components. CAPT Drew graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1995 with service in the Navy prior to completing medical school in 2001 with a subsequent Emergency Medicine residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego. CAPT Drew served throughout the Navy and Marine Corps in several pivotal positions, including Battalion and Regimental Surgeon with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, and the 6th Marine Regiment, with deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. He was the officer in charge of a Shock Trauma Platoon in Afghanistan. He served as a Staff Emergency Medicine physician with the 1st Marine Logistics Group, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, and Naval Medical Center San Diego. He served as an emergency medicine augmentee with the Joint Special Operations Command, including Africa deployments. He was the

Chairman of the Emergency Medicine Department of Naval Medical Center San Diego. While dual-service as chair of the CoTCCC, CAPT Drew was the Division Surgeon for the 1st Marine Division and subsequently the Force Surgeon for I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, CA. CAPT Drew is retiring after nearly 32 years of service. CAPT Drew has multiple combat deployments with the Marines and Special Operations Forces in various theaters. Brendon – on behalf of the committee, medics, and corpsmen abroad, thank you for your dedication to TCCC and for taking it to the next level. Your vision and focus have always been from the perspective of the combat medic/corpsman, providing them with the best guidelines, training, and tools to save lives on the battlefield.

CAPT Travis Deaton, MD, FACEP, FAWM, assumed responsibility as the Chair of the CoTCCC in September 2023. CAPT Deaton graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1999 and completed medical school at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in 2003. He served as a flight surgeon for the Marine Aircraft Logistics Squadron 36 and then as the Group Surgeon for Marine Aircraft Group 6 in Okinawa. Before completing the emergency medicine residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego, he was the Dive Medical Officer for the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Pendleton. CAPT Deaton then served as the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Surgeon in Okinawa, Japan, and then as an Emergency Medicine Physician at Naval Medical Center San Diego. He served as an emergency medicine augmentee with the Joint Special Operations Command. CAPT Deaton was the Division Surgeon for the 1st Marine Division and recently assumed duties as the Force Surgeon for I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, CA. CAPT Deaton has 13 combat deployments with the Marines and Special Operations Forces to multiple combat zones. Like his CoTCCC chair predecessors, CAPT Deaton brings a wealth of combat casualty experience to the table as the incoming leader of the CoTCCC. He assumes the chairmanship in times of change throughout the U.S. military, impacting how we train and conduct TCCC and prolonged casualty care in different combat environments. Travis – welcome to this awesome responsibility, and we look forward to going to the next level under your leadership.

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