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Subj: POLICY GUIDANCE ON UPDATES TO THE TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY
CARE (TCCC) COURSE CURRICULUM

1. This policy memorandum provides guidance and establishes Navy Medicine policy and responsibilities for incorporating updates to the TCCC curriculum.
2. The TCCC curriculum is reviewed on a regular basis by the Committee on TCCC (CoTCCC). This group is comprised of subject matter experts in the fields of Surgery, Medicine, and Prehospital Care with extensive experience in theater. Proposed changes to the curriculum are researched with a review of any available scientific evidence for or against the proposal. After debate in an open forum, CoTCCC members vote on any changes. After being approved by the Committee, proposed changes to the TCCC Guidelines are then reviewed by the Trauma and Injury Subcommittee of the Defense Health Board (DHB) and the Core Board of the DHB. Once approved by all three groups, changes to the TCCC Guidelines are then posted on the Military Health System (MHS) Web site, which is available at the following link: http://www.health.mil/Education_And_Training/TCCC.aspx. The TCCC Guidelines are also published periodically in the Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Manual, which carries the endorsement of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, and the PHTLS editorial board.
3. Once TCCC curriculum changes have posted to the MHS Web site, all Navy Medicine training sites are authorized to incorporate the changes as soon as possible to ensure that Navy service members receive the most up-to-date information.
4. Notification of changes to the Training Commands will continue to be disseminated by e-mail by the Chairman of the CoTCCC.
5. My point of contact for questions is CDR Linda Beltra, at (202) 762-3496 or by e-mail at Linda.Beltra@med.navy.mil.

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