

## DOD Medical Materiel Quality Control Messages (MMQC)/Medical Materiel Information Messages (MMI) & Images

### Medical Material Quality Control Message MMQC-14-1686

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**Message Number:** MMQC-14-1686  
**Released On:** 31-JUL-14  
**Message Class:** Informational  
**Material Type:** MedSurg  
**MMQC\MMI Reference:**  
**FDA Recall Reference:**  
**ECRI Reference:**  
**DLA Reference:**  
**MFG Release Date:** 23-JUL-2014

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**Subject:**

Condemnation of TK4 Tourniquet from all Service assemblages / Informational

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**Reason / Information:**

DHA Medlog issued the following information on the following materiel (See Image on Message under Additional Documentation/Attachment). Reason: Based on extremity TQ testing by the DoD (i.e., Phase I @ NAMRU-SA; see attached) the safety and efficacy of the TK 4 has been found to be substandard.

The NAMRU-SA study demonstrated:

- (1) the poor performance of the TK-4,
- (2) the significant risk to the casualty and the First Responder due to catastrophic TK-4 failures,
- (3) that the DoD is already moving away from this device, and
- (4) that there are much safer and effective, CoTCCC-approved extremity TQs available to warfighters.

DHA Medlog has condemned the TK4.

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**Disposition / Instructions:**

Remove tourniquet from all Service assemblages and dispose of per Service policy. Replace with CoTCCC approved tourniquet (CAT or SOFT-T tourniquet).

If customers have any questions call Summer Hart at 301-619-9590, DSN 343 or by email at summer.hart2.civ@mail.mil.

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**Item Information:**

**NSN (FSC-NIIN):** 6515 - NS1  
**Nomenclature:** TK4 TOURNIQUET  
**UI:** EA  
**Manufacturer:** H & H MEDICAL  
**Distributor:**

**LOT / SN:**

ALL

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**Additional Message Recipients:**

**Please ensure dissemination of this information to the following:**

Command Channels  
Medical Log Officers  
Medical Staff  
Supply Officers  
Supported Activities/Centers

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**Message Dissemination Authorization**

AF Activities Will Take Action As Prescribed In Afi 41-209, Medical Logistics Support, Chapters 3 And 9. For Majcoms & Ngb--This Msg Has Been Transmitted To All Designated Subordinate Medical Activities.

See Army Regulation (Ar) 40-61, 28 January 2005, Chapter 4, And The Department Of The Army Supply Bulletin (Sb 8-75-11) For Applicable Policies And Procedures.

DODD 5105.22 and DODD 6025.13

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**Additional Documentation / Attachments**

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