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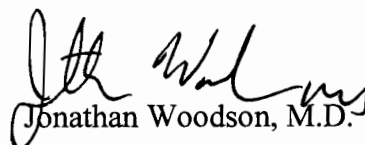
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH BOARD

SUBJECT: Defense Health Board Recommendation Memorandum Pertaining to Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guidelines

Please accept my appreciation for your continued efforts to provide the Department of Defense with constructive recommendations to help maximize the health, safety, and effectiveness of the U.S. Armed Forces. We have reviewed and endorse four of your recommendations: the "Defense Health Board Recommendation Memorandum Pertaining to Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guidelines on the Prevention of Hypothermia," the "Recommendations Regarding the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guidelines on Fluid Resuscitation, 2010-07," the "Needle Decompression of Tension Pneumothorax and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guideline Recommendations, 2011-08," and the "Needle Decompression of Tension Pneumothorax Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guideline Recommendations, 2012-05." We have requested the Military Services and the Joint Staff to incorporate the new guidelines as described in your recommendations.

The point of contact for questions regarding this action is Ms. Elizabeth Fudge. Ms. Fudge may be reached at (703) 681- 8295, or Elizabeth.Fudge@tma.osd.mil.


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