PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (PIA)

For the

AUDIO METRIC DATABASE SYSTEM (AUDBASE) 2.3
USAF

SECTION 1: IS A PIA REQUIRED?

a. Will this Department of Defense (DoD) information system or electronic collection of information (referred to as an "electronic collection" for the purpose of this form) collect, maintain, use, and/or disseminate PII about members of the public, Federal personnel, contractors or foreign nationals employed at U.S. military facilities internationally? Choose one option from the choices below. (Choose (3) for foreign nationals).

☐ (1) Yes, from members of the general public.

☒ (2) Yes, from Federal personnel* and/or Federal contractors.

☐ (3) Yes, from both members of the general public and Federal personnel and/or Federal contractors.

☐ (4) No

* "Federal personnel" are referred to in the DoD IT Portfolio Repository (DITPR) as "Federal employees."

b. If "No," ensure that DITPR or the authoritative database that updates DITPR is annotated for the reason(s) why a PIA is not required. If the DoD information system or electronic collection is not in DITPR, ensure that the reason(s) are recorded in appropriate documentation.

c. If "Yes," then a PIA is required. Proceed to Section 2.

SECTION 2: PIA SUMMARY INFORMATION

a. Why is this PIA being created or updated? Choose one:

☒ **New DoD Information System** ☐ **New Electronic Collection**

☐ **Existing DoD Information System** ☐ **Existing Electronic Collection**

☐ **Significantly Modified DoD Information System**

b. Is this DoD information system registered in the DITPR or the DoD Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET) IT Registry?

☐ **Yes, DITPR** Enter DITPR System Identification Number

☐ **Yes, SIPRNET** Enter SIPRNET Identification Number

☒ **No**

c. Does this DoD information system have an IT investment Unique Project Identifier (UPI), required by section 53 of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11?

☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

If "Yes," enter UPI

If unsure, consult the Component IT Budget Point of Contact to obtain the UPI.

d. Does this DoD information system or electronic collection require a Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN)?

A Privacy Act SORN is required if the information system or electronic collection contains information about U.S. citizens or lawful permanent U.S. residents that is retrieved by name or other unique identifier. PIA and Privacy Act SORN information should be consistent.

☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If "Yes," enter Privacy Act SORN Identifier F044 F SG E

DoD Component-assigned designator, not the Federal Register number.
Consult the Component Privacy Office for additional information or
access DoD Privacy Act SORNs at: http://www.defenselink.mil/privacy/notices/

or

Date of submission for approval to Defense Privacy Office
Consult the Component Privacy Office for this date.

e. Does this DoD information system or electronic collection have an OMB Control Number?
Contact the Component Information Management Control Officer or DoD Clearance Officer for this information.

This number indicates OMB approval to collect data from 10 or more members of the public in a 12-month period regardless of form or format.

☐ **Yes**

Enter OMB Control Number

Enter Expiration Date

☒ **No**

f. Authority to collect information. A Federal law, Executive Order of the President (EO), or DoD requirement must authorize the collection and maintenance of a system of records.

(1) If this system has a Privacy Act SORN, the authorities in this PIA and the existing Privacy Act SORN should be the same.

(2) Cite the authority for this DoD information system or electronic collection to collect, use, maintain and/or disseminate PII. (If multiple authorities are cited, provide all that apply.)

(a) Whenever possible, cite the specific provisions of the statute and/or EO that authorizes the operation of the system and the collection of PII.

(b) If a specific statute or EO does not exist, determine if an indirect statutory authority can be cited. An indirect authority may be cited if the authority requires the operation or administration of a program, the execution of which will require the collection and maintenance of a system of records.

(c) DoD Components can use their general statutory grants of authority ("internal housekeeping") as the primary authority. The requirement, directive, or instruction implementing the statute within the DoD Component should be identified.

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 55, Sections 1071-1097b, Medical and Dental Care; 42 U.S.C. Chapter 117, Sections 11131-11152, Reporting of Information; DoD 6025.18-R, DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation; DoD 6010.8-R, CHAMPUS; DoD Instruction 6015.23, Delivery of Healthcare at Military Treatment Facilities: Foreign Service Care; Third-Party Collection; Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinators (BCACs); Pub.L. 104-91, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and E.O. 9397 (SSN), as amended.

g. Summary of DoD information system or electronic collection. Answers to these questions should be consistent with security guidelines for release of information to the public.

(1) Describe the purpose of this DoD information system or electronic collection and briefly describe the types of personal information about individuals collected in the system.

Audbase is an audiometric database software application used for retrieving electronic information from audiological instrumentation (audiometers or tympanometers), which is used by the Audiologist for diagnosing a patient's hearing and storing the patient's audiogram information to a central database (server). This information is then used by the DoD Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE) audiology clinic, Ear Nose and Throat (E.N.T.) clinic, Otolaryngologists, or the Otologist at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center (WHASC) for establishing a patient's diagnosis or treatment. Along with the data collected, the audiologist can view previous audiograms associated with the patient. AudBase empowers the Audiologist to collect, store, share, query, print, and export audiological data. Information being collected is the patient's First Name, Last Name, Patient ID/Social Security Number (SSN), Gender, Date of Birth (DOB), Phone Number, Mailing/Home Address, Medical Information associated with the creation of the Audiogram.

(2) Briefly describe the privacy risks associated with the PII collected and how these risks are addressed to safeguard privacy.

Risks are those commonly associated with electronic medical records. AudBase requires each authorized user to log in using his or her own ID and password. Additionally, AudBase will be installed on systems adhering to the security requirements associated with DoD networks; this adds the requirement of each user logging into the workstation with a Common Access Card (CAC). All AudBase users are also required to complete a yearly HIPAA training course to ensure each individual's awareness of the importance of safeguarding Personally Identifiable Information (PII). To prevent unauthorized access or distribution, users not authorized to see these materials (need to know) is mitigated by adherence to an approved, based on domain security groups (role-based), restrictive security posture. Role-based access is determined by the rules set forth by the HCE Program Manager/Data Owner. All vendors with direct contact support for the hardware or software of AudBase have established a Business Associate Agreement (BAA). Electronic auditing is enabled and monitored by WHASC System Administrators to ensure preventative access measures are not be bypassed.

h. With whom will the PII be shared through data exchange, both within your DoD Component and outside your Component (e.g., other DoD Components, Federal Agencies)? Indicate all that apply.

☒ **Within the DoD Component.**

Specify. 59th MDW, Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgery Center (WHASC) Audiology Clinic for the purpose of capturing audiograms.

☐ **Other DoD Components.**

Specify.

☐ **Other Federal Agencies.**

Specify.

☐ **State and Local Agencies.**

Specify.

☐ **Contractor** (Enter name and describe the language in the contract that safeguards PII.)

Specify.

☐ **Other** (e.g., commercial providers, colleges).

Specify.

i. Do individuals have the opportunity to object to the collection of their PII?

☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

(1) If "Yes," describe method by which individuals can object to the collection of PII.

(2) If "No," state the reason why individuals cannot object.

Under the Privacy Act the individual has the opportunity to object to the collection of their PII. MTF Admission processes contain patient admission forms that include detailed PII/PHI discussion. By agreeing to an appointment or treatment/procedure, the individual is providing implied consent. Under the HIPAA Privacy Rule certain information is required in the course of treating the patient, in order to identify the patient and document treatment. The HIPAA privacy rules do not require that a patient have an opportunity to object to or consent to the use of their information for treatment, payment, or health care operations. Treatment is not subject to the minimum necessary rules. Conversely, the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices, which is available to all patients and posted in the MTF, describes the uses and disclosures of protected health information and how, where applicable, a patient can request a restriction to a use or disclosure. However, the covered entity is not required to agree to the restriction, except in limited circumstances.

j. Do individuals have the opportunity to consent to the specific uses of their PII?

☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

(1) If "Yes," describe the method by which individuals can give or withhold their consent.

(2) If "No," state the reason why individuals cannot give or withhold their consent.

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information and how, where applicable, a patient can request a restriction to a use or disclosure. However, the covered entity is not required to agree to the restriction, except in limited circumstances.

k. What information is provided to an individual when asked to provide PII data? Indicate all that apply.

☐ **Privacy Act Statement** ☐ **Privacy Advisory**

☐ **Other** ☒ **None**

Describe each applicable format.	A Privacy Act System of Records Notice was published in the Federal Register with a 30 day public comment period. Forms that collect personal data will contain a Privacy Act Statement, as required by 5 USC 552a(e)(3), allowing the individual to make an informed decision about providing the data or participating in the program. Individuals may raise an objection with the Air Force Privacy Act Office during the comment period, during data collection, or at any time after the program is launched. If no objections are received, consent is presumed.

NOTE:

Sections 1 and 2 above are to be posted to the Component's Web site. Posting of these Sections indicates that the PIA has been reviewed to ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect privacy.

A Component may restrict the publication of Sections 1 and/or 2 if they contain information that would reveal sensitive information or raise security concerns.