



Defense Health Board

Psychotropic Medication Work Group Complementary and Alternative Medicine Work Group Updates

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Question to the Board

- **Request guidance for prescribing and the proper use of psychiatric medications**
- **Request guidance for use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) treatments**



Current Membership

- Dr. Michael Parkinson
- Dr. Joseph Silva
- Dr. Dennis O'Leary
- Dr. Wayne Lednar
- Dr. Charles Fogelman
- Dr. Nancy Dickey
- Dr. Kurt Kroenke
- Dr. John Krystal
- Dr. Thomas Uhde



Recent and Forthcoming Activities

- **21 October 2010:** Organizational Teleconference
- **3 November 2010:** First Meeting
- **31 March 2010:** Final Report and Recommendations Due to DoD



3 November 2010 Meeting Agenda Topics

- **Question to the Board: Scope and Priority Areas**
- **Panel Discussion with Service Psychiatrists**
- **Mental Health Advisory Team (MHAT) Data on Medication Use Collected In-Theater**
- **Evidence Base for Medications in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Acute Stress Disorder (ASD)**



3 November 2010 Meeting Agenda Topics (Continued)

- **CAM and Mind-Body Integrative Health Skills for Total Force Fitness:** An Overview, Its Use, and the Effects on Prevention, Readiness, and Resilience
- **In-Theater Psychiatric Care**
- **Psychotropic Prescriptions In-Theater:** 3.5 Years of Data from the Department of Defense (DoD) Theater Medical Data Store
- **Work Group Break Out Sessions**



Potential Issues and Concerns to be Addressed

- **Define scope of interest** (e.g., in-theater and post-deployment transition)
- **Psychotropic medication and CAM**
 - Definition (accepted interventions)
 - Usage among Service members
 - Availability within the military
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved indications for use**



Potential Issues and Concerns to be Addressed

- **Military operational needs and requirements**
- **Prescription practices and privileges at military treatment facilities (MTFs)**
- **Evidence-based studies pertaining to psychotropic medication and CAM use and treatment efficacy**
- **Knowledge of side effects**
- **Costs**
- **Patient expectations**



Questions?