

The seal of the Defense Health Board is a circular emblem. It features a central figure of a person in a white lab coat, possibly a medical professional, holding a stethoscope. The figure is set against a light blue background with a globe. The words "DEFENSE" and "HEALTH BOARD" are written in a circular path around the central image. Two stars are positioned on the left and right sides of the seal.

Health Care Delivery Subcommittee

Advancement and Sustainment of
Amputee Care

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Defense Health Board

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Membership

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MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENT, DEFENSE HEALTH BOARD

SUBJECT: Request to the Defense Health Board Pertaining to Sustaining and Advancing Amputee Care

In a memorandum dated June 5, 2013 (attached), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff indicated the sustainment of current practices and the continuing advancements in treatment and rehabilitation of amputees should be a high priority for the Defense Health Board (DHB). He recognizes the need to ensure there is no loss of knowledge and skills due to the drawdown of the Afghanistan conflict with the welcomed reduction of war-related amputations.

I request DHB review the full spectrum of amputee care, and define a strategy for preserving and continuing these advancements, identifying the best possible care to our beneficiaries. Your thoughtful advice and guidance would greatly assist us in this matter. Please provide a response on these items to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. Thank you for the highly professional and considered work of the Board and for your efforts on this new initiative.


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Tasking

“Review the full spectrum of amputee care, and define a strategy for preserving and continuing these advancements, identifying the best possible care to our beneficiaries.”

- Acting USD(P&R) Memo dated January 20, 2013



Terms of Reference

- Review the full spectrum of amputee care
- Identify and define best practices at the field trauma care, initial surgery, reconstructive procedure, and rehabilitative levels of care
- Determine strategies to ensure that the military preserves the existing level of excellence and that no progress is lost over time
- Determine how to maintain continued advancements as a drawdown of Service members takes place
- Identify areas of clinical and technologic research for DoD to support



Meetings

- **August 14, 2013**
 - Teleconference
 - Reviewed Terms of Reference
 - Discussed Way Forward

- **September 2013**
 - In-Person Meeting
 - Receive briefings from SMEs
 - Site visit



Questions?