

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 inner circle.

Health Care Delivery Subcommittee

Advancement and Sustainment of
Amputee Care

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Membership

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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 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum dated January 20, 2013



Timeline

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Meetings since August 2014 Board meeting:

- September 23-24 – Meeting at DHHQ
 - Discussions with the Director of the DoD/VA Extremity Injury and Amputation Center of Excellence and Director, Program Review and Evaluation, Health Budgets and Financial Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.
 - Discussion of draft findings and recommendations



Timeline

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Meetings since August 2014 Board meeting:

- October 8 – Teleconference
 - Discussion of draft report, findings, and recommendations

- October 30 – Teleconference
 - Finalizing of draft report, findings, and recommendations



Areas of Interest

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- **Current Environment**
 - Current DoD amputee care infrastructure, functions and vision of approach to care, as well as international awareness
- **Collaboration**
 - Potential partnerships with VA, HHS, NIH, civilian partners, academic centers, international partners and others
- **Technology**
 - Use of technology and simulations to maintain skills
 - Value of co-located multidisciplinary providers and researchers



Areas of Interest

(2 of 2)

- Research, Data and Surveillance
 - Current state and gaps in both clinical and technological areas
 - Defining and assessing provider competencies
- Future Need
 - Necessary patient load to sustain expertise and capabilities
 - Preventive care services for current amputee population as they age
 - Continued reintegration support for amputees to return to active duty, deployments and civilian life



Way Forward

- Continue monthly teleconferences and meetings
- Further develop findings and recommendations
- Compose, edit, and review report language
- Present draft report for February 2015 DHB meeting



Questions?