

Expeditionary Care Research Interest Group (ExRIG)			
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	<p>Business Case/Opportunity Statement: Optimizing care and resourcing for the care of patients during expeditionary missions across the continuum of care requires high-quality evidence. A tri-service effort is required to align existing research and best practice implementation with lessons learned from providing care to wounded warriors during theater operations. Evaluation of research priorities and analysis of gaps in the literature are critical activities to support the expeditionary care of patients. For example, topics of best practices of wartime relevance include personnel-oriented topics such as clinical and operational readiness. Clinically oriented topics may include airway management, pressure ulcer prevention, traumatic brain injury management, or burn care and resuscitation. A coordinated tri-service effort will build upon existing efforts to create programs of research to advance the knowledge in these relevant areas, and to coordinate the translation of that knowledge into evidence-based practices that support highly reliable care.</p>		
	<p>Goal Statement: The ExRIG is chartered to collaboratively develop a research and evidence-based practice agenda that will align resources to influence Department of Defense policy and program development. The ExRIG will maximize the outcomes of patient care during expeditionary missions by supporting rigorous scientific inquiry and facilitating the advancement and translation into clinical practice of knowledge to improve the readiness of our providers to perform in the operational setting.</p>		
	<p>Scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExRIG will respond to requests for information from Defense Health Agency leadership by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evidence summaries, to include explication of gaps in the evidence ○ Descriptions of research needed to close evidence gaps • The ExRIG will form specialty and multi-specialty working groups as needed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet deliverables ○ Develop recommendations ○ Provide mentoring and peer review for grants, manuscripts • scholarly activity, and evidence-based practice projects <p>The ExRIG members</p>		

	<p>from each Service will be responsible for coordinating with applicable Service members to develop recommendations and to facilitate Service level implementation and deliverable execution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings will be held at least quarterly. • Alternative representatives will have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the principal. 		
	<p>Voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations related to specific courses of action will be adopted through group consensus. • Each member of a specialty working group has one vote. • In the event specialty working group consensus cannot be achieved, the issue will be identified to Service Principals for resolution. • Each Principle member has one vote. • In the event the Service Principals cannot reach consensus, the issue will be referred to the Executive Director, TriService Nursing Research Program for resolution. • Electronic voting is acceptable. • A record of all votes will be included in the minutes. • Consulting members are subject matter experts needed for agenda-driven subject content; consensus of these members is only required on the course of action for subjects for which they are consulting. Consulting members are not required to attend meetings unrelated to their subject. 		
	<p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current efforts and opportunities for alignment of service collaboration into specialty working groups • Develop on-going newsletter to promote the communication of research activities with constituents. • Publish an Expeditionary Nursing Care Reference Guide to be posted to the Joint Trauma System reference website. • Nursing component to appropriate Joint Trauma System clinical practice guidelines 		
	Timeline	Target Date	Date Achieved
1	Strategic plan for ExRIG program of research completed	Dec 2019	
2	Incorporate nursing within appropriate Joint Trauma System clinical practice guidelines	March 2021	
3	Publish an Expeditionary Nursing Care Reference Guide on Joint Trauma System reference platforms	April 2021	

This charter becomes effective upon signature. The charter will remain active and current until 1 April 2021 before requiring renewal. The TSNRP Executive Board of Directors has the discretion to stand down this Working Group at any time with consensus.

APPROVAL

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