

<p style="text-align: center;">POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH TMA NATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MONITORING INFORMATION</p>

During the months of March through April of 2002, the DoD's National Quality Monitoring Program (NQMP) contractor will be assessing the implementation of the Post-Deployment Guideline in the Military Health System via ambulatory chart abstraction, ambulatory electronic record review, and survey.

Ambulatory Record Abstracting Checklist

The DoD NQMP contractor will be either requesting photocopied ambulatory records or conducting on-site chart audits of encounters at randomly selected clinics within each Primary Care Department, identified by parent DMIS code affiliation, in the direct care system. The information that will be collected will include the following items:

1. Documentation that the beneficiary was asked if the visit is related to a deployment. Acceptable documentation may include:
 - a. A stamp, computer generated, or handwritten question that asks if the visit is related to a deployment, with a patient response, ideally in the screening section of the encounter form. Any patient response is acceptable, however a response must appear.
 - b. A clear statement in the body of encounter, by the provider, that the visit is related to a deployment when the patient response so indicates.
2. For those patients answering yes to the deployment-related question, is a DD Form 2844 (Post-Deployment Health Form) present? *The use of the DD Form 2844 is not mandatory. Form use is tracked to assess effectiveness.*
3. For those patients answering yes to the deployment-related question, are referrals documented? *Specialty referrals are the discretion of the primary care provider. Referrals are tracked to assess the proportion of complex cases.*

Ambulatory Electronic Record Review

The following information will be extracted from Standard Ambulatory Data Record (SADR) files that reside on the All Regions Server (ARS) Bridge.

1. Ambulatory encounters that contain the post-deployment concern ICD-9 code, V70.5__6.
2. Referrals completed within 60 days of the visit for deployment concerns.

Survey Questionnaire

1. Has your Primary Care Department educated providers and clinic staff in risk communication?

_____Yes _____No

If no, when will you implement? _____

2. Have you prepared the staff to ask each patient whether their visit is for a deployment-related issue or concern?

_____Yes _____No

If no, when will you implement? _____

3. Do you use a clinic stamp or does your automated SF600 contain the "Deployment Related" question?

_____Yes _____No

If no, when will you implement? _____

4. Are you using the Post-Deployment Health Form (DD Form 2844) to help document post-deployment concerns?

_____Yes _____No

If no, what about the form made you decide not to utilize?

5. Have you revised your ADS/KGADS diagnosis pick list to include the Post-Deployment Health related diagnosis codes (V70.5__6, V65.5, 799.8)?

_____Yes _____No

If no, when will you implement? _____

6. Have you trained your providers and staff regarding the purpose and key elements of the DoD-VA post-deployment health evaluation and management clinical practice guideline?

_____Yes _____No

If no, when will you implement? _____

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