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NATO unit sponsoring the member or dependent's sponsor. Include all pertinent information regarding the physical and mental condition of the individual concerned. Following are details of agreements among the Armed Forces of NATO, CENTO, and SEATO Nations on procedures for disposition of allied country patients by DOD medical installations.

(1) *Transfer of patients.* (i) The patient's medical welfare must be the paramount consideration. When deciding upon transfer of a patient, give due consideration to any increased medical hazard which the transfer might involve.

(ii) Arrangements for disposition of patients should be capable of being implemented by existing organizations. Consequently, no new establishment should be required specially for dealing with the transferring of allied casualties.

(iii) Transfer patients to their own national organization at the earliest practicable opportunity consistent with the observance of principles established in paragraph (d)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section and under any of the following conditions:

(A) When a medical facility of their own nation is within reasonable proximity of the facility of the holding nation.

(B) When the patient is determined to require hospitalization in excess of 30 days.

(C) Where there is any question as to the ability of the patient to perform duty upon release from the MTF.

(iv) The decision as to whether a patient, other than one requiring transfer under paragraph (d)(1)(iii) of this section, is fit for release from the MTF is the responsibility of the facility's commanding officer.

(v) All clinical documents, to include x-rays, relating to the patient will accompany such patients on transfer to their own national organization.

(vi) The decision of suitability for transfer and the arrangements for transfer will be the responsibility of the holding nation.

(vii) Final transfer channels should be arranged by local liaison before actual movement.

(viii) Patients not suitable for transfer to their own national organization must be dealt with for treatment and disposition purposes as patients of the holding nation until they are transferred, *i.e.*, they will be dealt with in military hospitals, military medical installations, or in civilian hospitals that are part of the military medical evacuation system of the holding nation.

(2) *Classification of patients.* Different channels for disposition will be required for the following two types of patients:

(i) *Patients not requiring admission.* Patients not requiring admission to an MTF will be returned to their nearest national unit under arrangements to be made locally.

(ii) *Patients admitted to medical installations.* All such patients will be dealt with per paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

(e) *Care authorized outside the 48 contiguous United States.* Major overseas commanders may authorize care in naval MTFs subject to the availability of space, facilities, and the capabilities of the professional staff in emergency situations only, *Provided*, the required care cannot reasonably be obtained in medical facilities of the host country or in facilities of the patient's own country, or if such facilities are inadequate. Provide hospitalization only for acute medical and surgical conditions, exclusive of nervous, mental, or contagious diseases or those requiring domiciliary care. Administer dental treatment only as an adjunct to authorized inpatient care. Do not include dental prostheses or orthodontia.

§ 728.43 Members of other foreign military services and their dependents.

(a) *Foreign military service members.* For the purpose of § 728.43, members of foreign military services include only:

(1) Military personnel carried on the current Diplomatic List (Blue) or on the List of Employees of Diplomatic Missions (White) published by the Department of State.

(2) Military personnel assigned or attached to United States military units for duty; military personnel on foreign military supply missions accredited to and recognized by one of the military

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departments; and military personnel on duty in the United States at the invitation of the Secretary of Defense or one of the military departments. For the purpose of § 728.43, members of foreign Security Assistance Training Programs (SATP) and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) are not included (see § 728.44).

(3) Foreign military personnel accredited to joint United States defense boards or commissions when stationed in the United States.

(4) Foreign military personnel covered in agreements entered into by the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, or one of the military departments to include, but not limited to, United Nations forces personnel of foreign governments exclusive of NATO nations.

(b) *Care authorized in the United States.* Military personnel of foreign nations not covered in § 728.42 and their dependents residing in the United States with the sponsor may be routinely provided only outpatient medical care in naval MTFs on a reimbursable basis. *Provided*, the sponsor is in the United States in a status officially recognized by an agency of the Department of Defense. Dental care and hospitalization for such members and their dependents are limited to emergencies. All outpatient care and hospitalization in emergencies are subject to reimbursement as outlined in § 728.46.

(c) *Application for care.* All personnel covered by § 728.43 will present orders or other official U.S. identification verifying their status when applying for care.

(d) *Disposition.* When it becomes necessary to return individuals covered by § 728.43 to their home country for medical reasons, make immediate notification to the sponsoring unit of the patient or patient's sponsor with a copy to the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-61). Include all pertinent information regarding the physical and mental condition of the individual concerned and full identification, diagnosis, prognosis, estimated period of hospitalization, and recommended disposition. Additionally, the provisions of § 728.42(d) (1) and (2) apply.

(e) *Care authorized outside the 48 contiguous United States.* Major overseas commanders may authorize care in naval MTFs subject to the availability of space, facilities, and the capabilities of the professional staff in emergency situations only. *Provided*, the required care cannot reasonably be obtained in medical facilities of the host country or in facilities of the patient's own country, or if such facilities are inadequate. Provide hospitalization only for acute medical and surgical conditions, exclusive of nervous, mental, or contagious diseases or those requiring domiciliary care. Administer dental treatment only as an adjunct to authorized inpatient care. Do not include dental prostheses or orthodontia.

§ 728.44 Members of security assistance training programs, foreign military sales, and their ITO authorized dependents.

(a) *Policies—(1) Invitational travel orders screening.* Prior to determining the levels of care authorized or the government or person responsible for payment for care rendered, carefully screen ITOs to detect variations applicable to certain foreign countries. For example, unless orders state differently, Kuwait has a civilian health plan to cover medical expenses of their trainees; trainees from the Federal Republic of Germany are personally responsible for reimbursing for inpatient care provided to their dependents; and all inpatient medical services for trainees from France and their dependents are to be borne by the individual trainee.

(2) *Elective and definitive surgery.* The overall policy with respect to elective and definitive surgery for Security Assistance Training Program (SATP), Foreign Military Sales (FMS) personnel and their dependents is that conservatism will at all times prevail, except bona fide emergency situations which might threaten the life or health of an individual. Generally, elective care is not authorized nor should be started. However, when a commanding officer of a naval MTF considers such care necessary to the early resumption and completion of training, submit the complete facts to the Chief of Naval