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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Army Medical Training Involving Human Cadavers

1. Reference: Memorandum, HQ DA, 5 November 2019, Subject: Army Policy for Use of Human Cadavers for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E), Education, or Training, (referred to herein as “the Army policy”).
2. Purpose. Provide U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC) Office of Human and Animal Research Oversight (OHARO) guidance to Army organizations who conduct or fund medical training involving human cadavers.
3. Background. To ensure medical readiness, Army organizations procure human cadavers for the purposes of medical education and training. Army training activities involving cadavers provide service members with applied combat casualty care skills that support operational readiness in a deployed setting. Currently, not all Department of Army (DA) organizations have a local policy to govern training activities involving cadavers.
4. Requirements.
 - a. In accordance with the Army policy, DA organizations who have an established policy to govern training activities involving cadavers are not required to secure review and approval from OHARO prior to training unless the activity involves the sensitive use of human cadavers (sensitive use is defined as exposure of human cadavers to blast, ballistics, impact or other destructive forces). For cadaver activities that do not involve sensitive use, local policy must, at a minimum, address procedures for allowable cadaver use, procurement, transportation and transfer, security, storage, record-keeping, and disposition.
 - b. If a DA organization has no local policy for training activities involving human cadavers, OHARO must review and approve the training activity prior to execution. The activity lead point of contact (POC) coordinating training for the unit(s) must provide the following documentation to OHARO:
 - (1) OHARO Cadaver Submission Form (see enclosure).
 - (2) Description of training curriculum.

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(3) Donor authorization forms from selected vendor(s).

(4) Letter of Support from Commander/Director of the training facility.

(5) If training activities will occur in a field setting on an Army installation, Garrison Commander letter of support must be obtained.

6. Additional considerations for contracts to procure human cadavers. OHARO strongly suggests incorporating the following into written contracts, whenever possible:

a. Awardee must ensure all state and U.S. territory laws and regulations applicable to/that govern the use and/or transport of cadavers are followed.

b. Use of specimen is consistent with donor intent (per donor authorization form).

c. The vendor/supplier is certified by the American Association of Tissue Banks, or equivalent.

d. Communicable disease testing for each specimen to include at least HIV & Hepatitis B, per the Army Policy.

e. Any specifications of the purchased specimens (that may be needed to complete the training – e.g., specific age, gender, health status).

7. Questions about the Army policy or requirements for OHARO review may be directed to usarmy.detrick.medcom-usamrmc.other.hrpo@health.mil. Note: DA organizations should plan for 90+ days for review, staffing, and approval of sensitive use requests.

8. The point of contact for this memorandum is Carson M. Cancel at 301-619-7804 or carson.m.cancel.civ@health.mil.

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