Army Health Hazard Assessment Program: Medical Cost Avoidance Model



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Manpower and Personnel Integration

Health Hazard Assessment

Training

System Safety Engineering



Human Factors Engineering

Personnel

Manpower

Soldier Survivability



Health Hazard Assessment

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:

- To identify, assess, and provide recommendations to eliminate or control health hazards associated with:
 - weapon platforms
 - munitions
 - equipment
 - clothing
 - training devices
 - other materiel systems



Health Hazards

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:



- 1. <u>Preserve and protect</u> the health of the SOLDIER.
- 2. <u>Improve SOLDIER performance</u> and enhance SYSTEM <u>effectiveness</u>.
- 3. <u>Enhance READINESS</u> Reduce health hazards causing training/operational restrictions.
- Reduce SYSTEM design retrofits needed to control or eliminate health hazards.
- <u>Reduce PERSONNEL COMPENSATION</u> Eliminate or reduce injury/illness attributable to health hazards from the use of Army materiel.

Proponent & Regulations

- <u>Proponent</u>: Army Surgeon General.
- Governing Regulations:
 - DOD 5000 Series.



- > AR 70-1, Army Acquisition Policy.
- AR 40-10, Health Hazard Assessment Program in Support of the Army Materiel Acquisition Decision Process.
- Lead Agent (1995): USACHPPM.

Health Hazard Categories Addressed by the HHA Program

ACOUSTIC ENERGY

Impulse Noise Blast Overpressure Steady-state Noise

BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCES

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Musculoskeletal Trauma

VIBRATION

Whole-body (multiple shock)

Segmental

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Heat/Cold

OXYGEN DEFICIENCY

High Altitude/Confined Spaces Ventilation







Matrixed USACHPPM Support

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ENGINEERING

HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

ARMY HEARING PROGRAM

ENTOMOLOGICAL SCIENCES

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE / ERGONOMICS / MEDICAL HEALTH & SAFETY



HEALTH PHYSICS TOXICITY EVALUATION LASER-OPTICAL RADIATION

RADIOFREQUENCY/ULTRASOUND OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

Mission Services

- Health Hazard Assessment Reports
- System Safety IPT Participation
- Manpower and Personnel Integration (MANPRINT) IPT Participation
- Acquisition Document Review
- Weapons Review Board & Committee Membership
- Uniformed Services University Support



Health Hazard Assessment Reports







Health Hazard Assessment Report



- Provides MATDEVs & CBTDEVs an estimate of OH risk associated with "<u>normal use</u>" of items.
- <u>Not</u> intended to provide an all-inclusive medical assessment or USAMEDD approval to use an item.
- <u>Mishaps, accidents, or equipment failures</u> resulting in injuries, although sometimes healthrelated, <u>do not</u> fall within the scope (Safety).

Health Hazard Assessment Report does not address....



- Environmental Quality (EIS)
- Safety (SAR)
- Survivability/lethality (SSV)
- Human Factors Engineering (HFE)
- System performance/effectiveness

Health Hazard Assessment Report Assessment Standards



- Applies OSHA 29 CFR 1910 and other non-DOD regulatory health standards to military-unique equipment, systems, and operations, insofar as practicable.
- OSHA Standards are generally designed for 8-hr exposures and may not be applicable for 24-hr exposures, multiple exposures, or short duration at high level exposures typical of military-unique applications.



Health Hazard Assessment Report



 When military-unique design, specification, or deployment requirements render compliance with existing OH standards <u>infeasible or</u> <u>inappropriate</u>, or <u>when no standard exists</u> for military-unique applications, the Army will use the health <u>risk management process</u> to develop <u>military-unique</u> OH standards.

Requesting a Health Hazard Assessment Report



- http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/
- Click on "<u>Request USACHPPM Services</u>"
- Complete the "<u>Request for CHPPM Products and Services</u>" form
- Upload/submit a <u>signed memorandum</u> on letterhead
- Upon acceptance, the HHA-PO:
 - contacts Client
 - develops project plan
 - sends <u>SOW & MIPR Request</u>
 - opens an official HHA project in the OPM Application
- Provide all data/test results and materiel system information relevant to HHA <u>at least 90 working days</u> in advance of the anticipated publication date.

HHA Program TDA



Mr. Robert Gross

	Total	Civilian	Military	Contractors
REQUIREMENTS	15	11	4	0
AUTHORIZATIONS	5	3	2	0
ON BOARD	7	7	0	0
			Source 031	10 Approved TDA

Health Hazard Assessment Project Officers & SMEs



- Review historical HH data on similar items.
- Review <u>health surveillance</u> and <u>safety data</u>.
- Review <u>designs</u>, <u>use scenarios</u>, <u>exposure criteria</u> & <u>data</u>.
- Make <u>recommendations</u> to control or eliminate HH.
- Assign a <u>RAC & residual RAC</u> when applicable.
- Support the PM's risk management decision process.
- <u>Support acquisition</u> Milestone Decision Reviews, safety releases/confirmations, materiel releases, and other events.
- 2010: Will provide an estimate of <u>Medical Cost Avoidance</u>.

HHA and Risk Management Model



Acquisition Program Manager

- Cost
- Performance
- Schedule







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Preventable ICD9-coded Outcome

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International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9) Categories Used in the Model

ICD-9 Category	ICD-9 Descriptor
001-139	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases
140-239	Neoplasms
240-279	Endocrine, Nutritional, and Metabolic Diseases, and Immunity Disorders
280-289	Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs
290-319	Mental Disorders
320-389	Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs
390-459	Diseases of the Circulatory System
460-519	Diseases of the Respiratory System
520-579	Diseases of the Digestive System
580-629	Diseases of the Genitourinary System
630-677	Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium
680-709	Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue
710-739	Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue
740-759	Congenital Anomalies
760-779	Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period
780-799	Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions
800-999	Injury and Poisoning
V01-V83	Supplementary Classification of Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services

Veterans Administration Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) Codes used in the Model

VASRD Code	VASRD Descriptor
50	Bones and Joints Disease
60	Eye and Visual Acuity
61 & 62	Ear, Smell, and Taste
63	Systemic Disease
65	Nose and Throat
66	Trachea and Bronchi
67	TB, Lungs, and Pleura
68	Non-TB Diseases
70	Heart Diseases
71	Arteries and Veins
72 & 73	Digestive System
75	Genitourinary System
76	Gynecological
77	Hemic and Lymphatic
78	Skin
79	Endocrine System
80 - 87	Organic Disease Central Nervous System
89	Epilepsies
90 & 92	Psychotic Disorders
91 & 93	Organic Brain Disorders
94 & 95	Psychoneurological Disorders
99	Dental and Oral

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Hazard Severity Categories

Numerical Designation	Classification	Possible Hazard Outcomes
I	Catastrophic	May cause death or total loss of a bodily system
II	Critical	May cause severe bodily injury, severe occupational illness, or major damage to a bodily system
III	Marginal	May cause minor bodily injury, minor occupational illness, or minor damage to a bodily system
IV	Negligible	Would cause less than minor bodily injury, minor occupational illness, or minor damage to a bodily system

Hazard Probability Categories

Descriptive Word	Level	Specific Individual Item	Fleet or Inventory
Frequent	Α	Likely to occur frequently	Continuously experience
Probable	В	Will occur several times in the life of an item	Will occur frequently
Occasional	С	Likely to occur some time in the life of an item	Will occur several times
Remote	D	Unlikely but possible to occur in the life of an item	Unlikely but can reasonably be expected to occur
Improbable	Е	So unlikely, it can be assumed occurrence may not be experienced	Unlikely to occur, but possible









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Military Personnel Cost Data Army Physical Disability Agency Data



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M2 Beneficiary Population Data Elements Used in the Model

Beneficiary Population—DEERS	Inpatient Beneficiary Population—SIDR	Outpatient Beneficiary Population—SADR
AGE	Pseudo Sponsor ID	Pseudo Sponsor ID
BENCAT	Bed Days Civilian Hospital, Total	Encounters, Total
DODOCC	Bed Days in ICU, Total	Full Cost, Total
FM	Bed Days, Total	Price, Total
FY	Convalescent Leave Days, Total	Variable Cost, Total
GENDER	Cooperative Care Days, Total	Age
MARSTAT	Dispositions, Total	APG, Med
PSUEDOID	Full Cost, Total	APG, Med Desc
FMP	Medical Hold Days, Total	APG, E&M
CTCHDMIS	Price, Total	APG, E&M Desc
CTCHNAME	Quarter Days, Total	APG Proc 1
RACEETH	RWP, Total	APG Proc 2
GRADE	Sick Days this MTF, Total	APG Proc 3
SERVICE	Supplemental Care Days, Total	APG Proc 4
RACE	Variable Cost, Total	Beneficiary Category
	Admission Date	Catchment Area ID
	Beneficiary Category	Catchment Area Name
	Catchment Area ID	Diagnosis 1
	Catchment Area Name	Diagnosis 2
	Diagnosis 1	Diagnosis 3
	Diagnosis 2	Diagnosis 4
	Diagnosis 3	Disposition Code
	Diagnosis 4	E&M Code
	Diagnosis 5	FY
	Diagnosis 6	FM
	Diagnosis 7	FMP
	Diagnosis 8	Gender
	Disposition Status Code	Inpatient Indicator
	FY	Marital Status
	Diagnostic Related Group (DRG)	MEPRS (3) Code
	FM	Patient Category
	Procedure 3	Sponsor Pay Grade
	Procedure 4	Sponsor Service
	Procedure 5	Tmt Parent DMIS ID
	Procedure 6	Tmt Parent DMIS Name
	Procedure 7	Tmt Service Clinic
	Procedure 8	

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	Pseudo Sponsor ID	
	FMP	
	Race	
	Sponsor Pay Grade	
	Sponsor Service	
	Tmt Parent DMIS ID	
	Tmt Parent DMIS Name	
	Service Date	
	Clinical Service, Admitting	
	Clinical Service, Dispositioning	
	Clinical Service, Second	
	Clinical Service, Third	
	Length Of Stay	Procedure 1
	Age	Procedure 2
	Gender	Procedure 3
	Marital Status	Procedure 4
	Patient Category	Pseudo Sponsor ID
	Procedure 1	Race

Notes:

^a Data Sources for Beneficiary Population data included Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), Standard Inpatient Data Record (SIDR), and Standard Ambulatory Data Record (SADR)

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Army Physical Disability Agency (APDA) Data

- Obtained from APDA in 2001.
- Contained decisions of 1980-1999.
- Used to determine disability-related percentages for:
 - Degree of Disability
 - Disposition Category
 - Fit for Duty
 - Separation
 - Permanent Disability Retirement
 - Temporary Disability Retirement

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Army Population by Rank and AMCOS Lite Personnel Cost^a

Military Bay Crada	Dopulation	AMCOS Lite	Total Personnel
	10	\$229.450	\$2 294 500
0-10	40	\$207.210	\$8 288 400
0-8	103	\$192.086	\$19 784 858
0-7	147	\$234 309	\$34 443 423
0-6	3.805	\$195.119	\$742.427.795
0-5	9,124	\$197.795	\$1.804.681.580
0-4	14.035	\$160,565	\$2,253,529,775
0-3	24,264	\$118,844	\$2,883,630,816
0-2	9,553	\$98,082	\$936,977,346
0-1	6,704	\$81,330	\$545,236,320
WO-5	419	\$140,503	\$58,870,757
WO-4	1,598	\$125,569	\$200,659,262
WO-3	3,553	\$110,467	\$392,489,251
WO-2	4,624	\$94,659	\$437,703,216
WO-1	2,070	\$79,841	\$165,270,870
E-9	3,439	\$143,011	\$491,814,829
E-8	11,232	\$117,761	\$1,322,691,552
E-7	37,573	\$106,787	\$4,012,307,951
E-6	56,197	\$92,299	\$5,186,926,903
E-5	74,076	\$78,084	\$5,784,150,384
E-4	118,874	\$62,944	\$7,482,405,056
E-3	61,607	\$55,054	\$3,391,711,778
E-2	31,705	\$52,975	\$1,679,572,375
E-1	16,521	\$50,255	\$830,262,855
CADETS	4,101	\$18,221	\$74,724,321
Total Officer	84,150		\$10,561,012,490
Total Enlisted	411,224		\$30,181,843,683

Notes:

^a AMCOS Lite data included major cost categories of Military Personnel-Account (MPA); Operations & Maintenance, Army (OMA); and Other. More specific breakouts within these categories were listed in AMCOS and included under the MPA Category: military compensation, officer acquisition costs, other benefits, permanent change of station costs, retired pay accrual, separation costs, special pays, and training; under the OMA Category: medical support costs, morale, welfare and recreation costs, and officer acquisition costs; and under the Other Category: training.

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Veterans Affairs Compensation Rate Table

Percentage ^a	Rate ^b
10%	\$106
20%	\$205
30%	\$316
40%	\$454
50%	\$646
60%	\$817
70%	\$1,029
80%	\$1,195
90%	\$1,344
100%	\$2,239

Notes:

^a Degree of disability

^b Monthly rate of compensation



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C _c	Variable	Cost of clinic visits (includes associated pharmaceutical and laboratory costs)	Calculated by model application
P _e	Variable	Probability of exposure per year, based on the determined HP category	User input
N _s	Variable	Number of systems—the total number of individual items of materiel, equipment, or weapon systems being assessed	User input
N _{ps}	Variable	Number of persons per system being assessed	User input
S _k	Variable	HS factor based on the determined HS category	User input
I _c	Constant (for each hazard)	Clinic visit incidence for injury/illness	Model application (Calculated from M2 clinical data)
C _a	Constant (for each hazard)	Average clinic visit cost (includes associated pharmaceutical and laboratory costs)	Model application (Calculated from M2 clinical data)
N _v	Constant (for each hazard)	Number of clinic visits per injury/illness (includes follow-up visits within 30 day initial visit)	Model application (Calculated from M2 clinical data)







117 Bridge Systems

24 Soldiers/system

N = 2808 Exposures

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Measuring <u>Baseline</u> Costs*: Musculoskeletal Trauma

		High	<		$ \rightarrow $	Low		
t	Hazard	Hazard Probability						
Severit	Severity	A (0.9)	B (0.5)	C (0.2)	D (0.01)	E (0.001)		
High	l (1)	\$3,184	\$1,769	\$708	\$35	\$4		
	II (0.1)	\$318	\$177	\$71	\$4	\$0		
	III (0.01)	\$32	\$18	\$7	\$0	\$0		
Low	IV (0.001)	\$3	\$2	\$1	\$0	\$0		

*Each cell depicts the average medical costs per Soldier exposure

Measuring <u>Total Annual</u> Costs*: Musculoskeletal Trauma

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High	l (1)	\$8,904	\$4,967	\$1,987	\$99	\$10
	II (0.1)	\$894	\$497	\$199	<mark>\$10</mark>	\$1
	III (0.01)	\$89	\$50	<mark>\$20</mark>	\$1	\$0.1
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Health Hazards Risks for the Bridge

Worst Case

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Trauma	Musculoskeletal (n=24)	2 (II, C)	5 (IV, C)	\$196,686
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Trauma	Musculoskeletal (Top Panel, n=5)	2 (II, C)	5 (IV, C)	\$40,976
Trauma	Musculoskeletal (Bottom Panel, n=5)	5 (IV, C)	5 (IV, C)	0
Trauma	Musculoskeletal (Deck, n=2)	5 (IV, C)	None	\$166
Trauma	Musculoskeletal (Long Ramp, n=7)	5 (IV, C)	5 (IV, C)	0
Trauma	Musculoskeletal (Junction Panel, n=5)	2 (II, C)	3 (III, C)	\$37,251
				Total = \$78,393

Total 1-year lifecycle costs for the unabated health hazards of the Bridge

Hazard Type	Outpatient	In-Patient	Lost time	Fatality	Disability	Total
WORST CASE						
Musculoskeletal (n=24)	\$1,511	\$4,285	\$133,338	\$0	\$57,552	\$196,686
ACTIVITY BASED						
Musculoskeletal (Top Panel, n=5)	\$315	\$893	\$27,779	\$0	\$11,990	\$40,976
Musculoskeletal (Bottom Panel, n=5)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Musculoskeletal (Deck, n=2)	\$1	\$4	\$112	\$0	\$48	\$166
Musculoskeletal (Long Ramp, n=7)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Musculoskeletal (Junction Panel, n=5)	\$286	\$811	\$25,253	\$0	\$10,900	\$37,251
						\$78,393

Total 20-year lifecycle costs for the unabated health hazards of System X

Hazard Type	Clinic	Hospital	Lost time	Fatality	Disability	Total
Weapons combustion products	\$338,000	\$116,700	\$44,724,400	\$21,600	\$3,919,400	\$49,120,100
Fire extinguishing agents	\$7,500	\$2,600	\$993,900	\$500	\$87,000	\$1,091,500
Carbon dioxide	\$400	\$100	\$49,700	\$0	\$4,400	\$54,600
Impulse noise	\$100	\$1,100	\$19,400	\$0	\$1,100	\$21,700
Steady-state noise	\$100	\$1,100	\$19,400	\$0	\$1,100	\$21,700
Cold stress	\$400	\$0	\$52,300	\$0	\$700	\$53,400
Heat stress	\$400	\$0	\$47,600	\$0	\$900	\$48,900
Oxygen deficiency (ventilation)	\$400	\$1,200	\$36,500	\$0	\$500	\$38,600
Non-ionizing radiation	\$100	\$0	\$9,700	\$0	\$200	\$10,000
lonizing radiation	\$0	\$0	\$6,600	\$0	\$100	\$6,700
						\$50,467,200



- Clinic visit time = 2 hours.
- Limited (temporary restricted) duty duration = 15 days.
- Quarters duration = 3 days.
- Convalescent leave duration = 30 days.
- Limited duty = reduced productivity of 30%.
- Inflation factor = $(1.0204)^{\text{No. Yrs.}}$
- Fatality costs = \$674,375.

Model Limitations

- Purchased care (Non-MHS) data is not included.
- Estimates based on worst-case crew position.
- Uses Army-based incidence rates, rather than military occupational specialty (MOS) incidence rates.
- Does not estimate materiel-related pollution prevention costs.
- Does not estimate abatement costs.
- Does not estimate costs to acquire and train replacements.
- Does not estimate family quality of life costs.

MCAM Peer Review

- Textbook of Military Medicine, Chapter X
- Injury Prevention Report No.12-HF-04MT-08
 - Defense Safety Oversight Council
 - *"Preventing Injuries in the U.S. Military: The Process, Priorities, and Epidemiological Evidence"*
- American Journal of Preventive Medicine (Jan 2010)

Questions?