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## Comprehensive Casualty Care

*"Navy Medicine is committed to providing total quality of healthcare – mind, body and spirit - to every wounded, injured or ill warfighter at any time, anywhere."*

– Vice Adm. Adam Robinson, Jr., Surgeon General of the Navy

### Meeting the needs of our warfighters with improvements in Navy Medicine

Navy Medicine is adapting its care to ensure the medical and psychological well-being of all deployed personnel. OIF/OEF patients receive improved treatment due to enhanced trauma training for providers, up-to-date medical kits for deploying personnel and the development of case management programs. Other improvements include:

- Extended monitoring of both physical and psychological health through pre- and post-deployment health assessments, and education on how to access medical services for issues that may occur after deployment.
- Redesign of expeditionary medical facilities to become lighter, modular, more mobile and interoperable with other Services' facilities.
- The Marine Corps provides updated individual and vehicle first aid kits with QuikClot and advanced tourniquets, Combat Lifesaver training and new systems for forward resuscitative surgery and en route care.
- Expansion of psychological health services through post-deployment screenings, expanded briefings and proactive interactions between providers and Sailors to reduce the stigma with receiving these services.

### Comprehensive casualty care ... a continuum of service to those who serve

In addition to improvements in medicine, the Navy's continuum of programs and the Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Regiment aid all Naval forces wounded, ill, and injured in their non-medical needs during recovery and transition to their next phase in life. Key components of the Navy continuum include:

- A comprehensive range of services provided pre-, during, and post-deployment.
- Expansion of health surveillance, physical and psychological health injury prevention training, and operational stress control programs.
- Availability of the highest quality of medical and non-medical care.
- The Navy's Safe Harbor Program for severely wounded, ill, and injured Sailors. Safe Harbor provides:
  - Personalized assistance and contact after reaching a hospital in CONUS.
  - Resources to meet identified non-medical needs.
  - Establishing and maintaining contact with the Sailor's command.
  - Proactive outreach and visitation services.
  - Assistance for those found medically fit for return to duty in resuming their military careers.
  - Support for Sailors with 30% or more disability rating in transitioning to civilian life.

For more information on the Safe Harbor Program, visit: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/SafeHarbor/>

### Key Messages

- The Navy cares for all wounded, ill or injured Sailors.
- Navy Medicine actively screens and treats Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- The Navy is committed to the proper care, counseling, and guidance for our Sailors and families through their difficult recovery and rehabilitation periods.

### Facts & Figures

- 98% of wounded who receive medical care on the battlefield survive.
- In 2007, the Navy opened a 30,000 sq. ft., \$4.4 million Prosthetic and Rehabilitation Service in San Diego.
- The Navy is adding capacity in mental health care.
- Sailors injured after 10 September 2001 in support of GWOT are eligible for Safe Harbor support.
- For images of medical personnel in action, visit the [Medical/Dental Photo Gallery](#).