

compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

**Note:** Records of identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any client/patient, irrespective of whether or when he/she ceases to be a client/patient, maintained in connection with the performance of any alcohol or drug abuse prevention and treatment function conducted, regulated, or directly or indirectly assisted by any department or agency of the United States, shall, except as provided therein, be confidential and be disclosed only for the purposes and under the circumstances expressly authorized in 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2. This statute takes precedence over the Privacy Act of 1974 in regard to accessibility of such records except to the individual to whom the record pertains. The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" do not apply to these types of records.

**Note:** This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders; x-ray film preservers; and electronic storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

By patient or sponsor's surname or by sponsor's Social Security Number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are maintained in buildings that employ security guards and are accessed only by authorized personnel having an official need-to-know. Automated segments are protected by controlled system passwords governing access to data.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Military health/dental and procurement/separation x-ray records are permanent. Clinical (inpatient), outpatient, dental and consultation record files for military members are destroyed after 50-75 years.

All records (except the Military Health/Dental records) which are active while individual is on active duty, then retired with individual's Military Personnel Records Jacket and the procurement/separation x-ray records which are forwarded to the National Personnel Records Center on an accumulation basis) are retained in an

active file while treatment is provided and subsequently held for a period of 1 to 5 years following treatment before being retired to the National Personnel Records Center. Subsidiary medical records, of a temporary nature, are normally not retained long beyond termination of treatment; however, supporting documents determined to have significant documentation value to patient care and treatment are incorporated into the appropriate permanent record file. Until the National Archives and Records Administration approves the disposition of Psychological Assessment and Selection Case records, treat as permanent.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Suite 13, 2050 Worth Road, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6010.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the medical facility where treatment was provided. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record systems notices.

Red Cross employees may write to the Medical Officer, American National Red Cross, 1730 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. For verification purposes, the individual should provide the full name, Social Security Number of sponsor, and current address and telephone number. Inquiry should include name of the hospital, year of treatment and any details that will assist in locating the records.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the medical facility where treatment was provided. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record systems notices.

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**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and

appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Subject individual, personal interviews and history statements from the individuals; abstracts or copies of pertinent medical records; examination records of intelligence, personality, achievement, and aptitude; reports from attending and previous physicians and other medical personnel regarding results of physical, dental, and mental examinations, treatment, evaluation, consultation, laboratory, x-ray and special studies and research conducted to provide health care and medical treatment; and similar or related documents.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical Scientific Research Data Files (December 1, 2000, 65 FR 75249).

**CHANGES:**

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**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

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**SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical Scientific Research Data Files.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Primary locations: U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21701-5009. U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development, and Engineering Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5423;

Secondary locations: Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-6800;

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, DC 20307-5104;