

Peace Corps, and State Department personnel; Exchange officers, anyone admitted to inpatient status in Air Force medical facilities.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

File contains 24-hour nursing reports, listings of ward patients and registers containing information on operations performed.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 55, Medical and dental care, and 10 U.S.C. 8067(e), Designation: Officers to perform certain professional functions, as implemented by Air Force Instruction 46-102, Nursing Care.

PURPOSE(S):

Used by Chief Nurse and other management personnel to determine nursing care work loads and allocate resources.

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

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Records are used and reviewed by health care providers in the performance of their duties. Health care providers include military and civilian providers assigned to the medical facility where care is being provided. Students participating in a training affiliation program with a USAF medical facility may also use and review records as part of their training program.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' published at the beginning of the Air Force's compilation of record system notices apply to this system.

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:

Maintained in file folders, notebooks and binders.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by name, dates of admission and discharge from medical facility, date of operation.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessed by person(s) responsible for servicing the record system in performance of their official duties and by authorized personnel who are properly screened and cleared for need-to-know. Records are stored in locked rooms and cabinets.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Retained in office files for three months after monthly cutoff, then destroyed by tearing into pieces, shredding, pulping, macerating, or burning. Operation registers are destroyed after five years.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

The Surgeon General, Headquarters, United States Air Force. Chief Nurses of medical centers and hospitals. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of system notices.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information on them should address inquiries to or visit the system manager. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of record systems notices. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of record systems notices.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to access records about themselves contained in this system should address requests to the system manager.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Air Force Instruction 37-132; 32 CFR part 806b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

From medical records and personal observations of Nursing Service personnel.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Compression Chamber Operations (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793).

Changes

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SYSTEM NAME:

Delete entry and replace with 'Hyperbaric Medical Operations'.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Delete entry and replace with 'Treatment records (original) are retained in individual health record at United States Air Force or other DoD medical treatment facilities or at the National Personnel Records Center, Civilian Personnel Records, 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4126. A copy is retained at USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine Division (USAFSAM/FEH), 2601 Louis Bauer Drive, Brooks City-Base TX 78235-5130. If Hyperbaric medical treatment is provided at system locations other than USAFSAM/FEH, a copy of emergency Hyperbaric treatment records, *i.e.*, treatment records generated for decompression sickness (DCS), arterial gas embolism (AGE), carbon monoxide poisoning (CO-poisoning) or gas gangrene will be sent to USAFSAM/FEH. Compression Chamber Reactor Case Report (AF Form 361; original) is retained indefinitely at USAFSAM/FEH, Brooks City-Base and for 3 years at individual Aerospace Physiology Training Units.'

CATEGORY OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with 'Personnel performing treatments; patients who are active duty military personnel, retired Air Force military personnel, dependents of military personnel, dependents of retired military, selected international students, and civilians treated on an emergency basis.'

CATEGORY OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with 'Treatment records of patient and records of personnel conducting treatment. Records of training dives are maintained on officers and technicians performing treatment dives.'

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PURPOSE(S):

Delete entry and replace with 'Provide an exact record for a patient treated by recompression therapy and documents patient's response to treatment.'

Records are maintained on persons performing treatments because they are exposed to the same treatment profiles as their patients and to insure their capability of performing treatment. Records are used for research and statistical analysis by the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

Records are maintained on technicians/officers conducting