

**Army Science Board  
Subcommittee Terms of Reference**

Medical Operations Subcommittee

**1. Overview:** As authorized by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Army, and pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, the Chairman of the Army Science Board (ASB) establishes the Medical Operations Subcommittee. The following Terms of Reference outline the duties and responsibilities of the subcommittee in accordance with the ASB charter, May 2022.

**2. Mission Statement:**

a. The Medical Operations Subcommittee, as part of the ASB, shall provide advice and recommendations to the ASB for its deliberation and decision making at a properly noticed ASB meeting on matters relating to the Army's core competencies in medical operations, to include:

(1) Support and care for Soldiers from the Military Entrance Processing Stations through transition to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) Systems that conserve the fighting strength of the Army through preventative medicine, routine medical care, and the evacuation, transportation and treatment of wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers.

(3) Human performance optimization.

(4) Health threats and issues related to foreign capabilities, infectious disease, environmental health risks, radiological and nuclear effects, developments in biotechnology and chemical/biomedical subjects of national and military importance, and force health protection.

(5) Identification, treatment, and rehabilitation of Army personnel with impairments resulting from mental disorders, addiction, and traumatic injury.

(6) Responsibilities as DoD Executive Agent for the Biological Select Agent and Toxin Biosafety and Biosecurity Program and for Medical Research for Prevention, Mitigation, and Treatment of Blast Injuries.

b. The subcommittee has no authority to make decisions or recommendations, orally or in writing, on behalf of the ASB. Neither the subcommittee nor any of its members may provide updates or report, orally or in writing, directly to the DoD or any Federal officer or employee, or member of the Armed Forces.

**3. Methodology:** The subcommittee may incorporate and apply any of several methodologies including, but not limited to, reviews of the literature, interviews, and briefings necessary to support ASB study teams conducting work on topics related to the subcommittee's scope.

**4. Tasks:** The subcommittee shall support individual ASB study teams with expertise in its related fields. In addition, the subcommittee shall maintain cognizance of the Army's activities in its related fields, to include research and development, maintenance of the science and technology base, budgeting, policy, strategy, doctrine, and other factors that further the conduct of ASB study teams. At a minimum, the subcommittee will report annually to the ASB Chair on its activities.

**5. Support:** The Surgeon General of the United States Army will provide the necessary logistical and administrative support to the subcommittee to conduct its business as assigned.