

EMPLOYMENT OF FORWARD SURGICAL TEAMS TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES

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PREFACE

The art of military surgery during war is performed in a theater of operations (TO) by the dedicated professionals of the corps and echelons above corps (EAC) hospitals; it is often provided in an environment under adverse conditions. The true professionalism of these Army Medical Department (AMEDD) personnel is demonstrated by their ability to maintain sound medical principles and practices as fully as possible in this resource- and time-restricted environment. The first unit capable of performing surgery on life-threatening wounds is the forward surgical team (FST). The FST is employed in direct support of the maneuver brigade and the armored cavalry regiment (ACR) (light). The surgical intervention performed by these small unique units enables the patient to be stabilized and made transportable for evacuation to a hospital for definitive care.

This publication provides the doctrine for the employment of the FST and will become the primary reference document for both the Army Active Component (AC) and the Reserve Component (RC). It discusses specific tactics, techniques, and procedures when it is necessary to clarify doctrinal principles. It is intended primarily for the use of the FST commander and his team and the medical company/troop commander and staffs. Other intended users include senior medical commanders and their staff, senior medical staff advisors, and combat health support (CHS) planners.

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