

APPENDIX H

USE OF THE US FIELD MEDICAL CARD

SAMPLE FORMAT

This paragraph implements STANAG 2132.

b. The FMC is made so that it can be attached to the casualty. The cards are issued as a pad, with each pad consisting of an original card, a sheet of carbon paper, a carbon protective sheet, and a duplicate.

H-1. General

a. The US Field Medical Card (DD Form 1380) (AR 40-66) is used to record data similar to that recorded by the inpatient treatment record cover sheet (ITRCS). The FMC is used by BASSs, clearing stations and nonfixed troop or health clinics working overseas, on maneuvers, or attached to commands moving between stations. It may also be used to record an outpatient visit when the health record is not readily available at an MTF. The FMC is used in the TO during time of hostilities. It also may be used to record *carded for record only* (CRO) cases.

H-2. Preparation of the Field Medical Card

a. An MTF officer completes the FMC or supervises its completion. However, the combat medic first attending the casualty may initiate an FMC. To do this, he records the name, social security number (SSN), and grade of the patient. He also briefly describes the medical care or treatment given and enters as much information as time permits (Figure H-1). After doing this, he puts his initials in the far right side of the signature block (Item 29, Figure H-1). The supervising AMEDD officer then completes, reviews, and signs the FMC.

1. NAME (Last-First-Middle initial)/NOM, PRENOMS DOE, JOHN P.		2. SERVICE NUMBER/NUMERO MATRICULE 555-33-6666		3. GRADE/GRADE SGT		4. NATION/NATION (e.g. Etats Unis) USA			
5. FORCE/ARMEE		6. BRANCH AND TRADE/ARME (e.g. Infantry)		7. UNIT/UNITE		8. SERVICE (Yrs)/DUREE DES SERVICES (e.g. 2 6/12)			
9. AGE/AGE		10. RACE/RACE		11. RELIGION/RELIGION		12. FACILITY WHERE TAGGED/ LIEU D'ETABLISSEMENT DE LA FICHE			
						13. DATE AND HOUR TAGGED/ DATE ET HEURE D'ETABLISSEMENT DE LA FICHE 1530 6 NOV 83			
14. DIAGNOSIS (including cause)/DIAGNOSTIC (Cause comprise) GUNSHOT WOUND TO RIGHT THIGH				NATURE OF CASUALTY OR ILLNESS NATURE DE LA BLESSURE OU MALADIE		18. DATE & HOUR INJURED/DATE ET HEURE DE LA BLESSURE			
				DISABILITY/INCAPACITE				ENEMY ACTION/ DU FAIT DE L'ENNEMI	
				16. INJURY/BLESSURE <input type="checkbox"/> YES/OUI <input type="checkbox"/> NO/NON					
				17. SICK/MALADIE <input type="checkbox"/> YES/OUI <input type="checkbox"/> NO/NON					
15. LINE OF DUTY/EN RELATION AVEC LE SERVICE				19. WHAT WAS HE DOING WHEN INJURED/QUE FAISAIT-IL LORSQU'IL FUT BLESSE					
20. TREATMENT GIVEN (For antibiotics specify which and give dose, hour, and date)/ TRAIITEMENT EFFECTUE (Si des antibiotiques ont été donnés, précisez leur nature, la dose, l'heure et la date) PRESSURE BANDAGE				TREATMENT/TRAIITEMENT EFFECTUE		a. DOSE/DOSE			
				22. MORPHINE - 1st/MORPHINE - 1ere		5mg		b. HOUR AND DATE/ HEURE - DATE 1550 Nov 83	
				23. MORPHINE - 2nd/MORPHINE - 2eme					
				24. MORPHINE - 3rd/MORPHINE - 3eme					
21. TOURNIQUET (Yes or No; Time & date applied)/ MISE EN PLACE D'UN GARROT (Oui ou Non; heure et date) YES 6 NOV 83 1545				25. TETANUS TOXOID/ VACCIN ANTITETANIQUE					
26. A. T. SERUM/SERUM ANTITETANIQUE									
27. DISPOSITION-DISPOSAL/ DESTINATION DONNEE AU BLESSE		28. HOUR AND DATE/ HEURE ET DATE		29. MEDICAL OFFICER (Signature & Grade)/SIGNATURE ET GRADE DU MEDECIN JKS					

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Figure H-1. Preparation of the Field Medical Card.

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b. An FMC is prepared for any patient treated at an MTF. For transfer cases, the FMC is attached to the patient's clothing. It remains with him until his arrival at a hospital, his death and interment (burial), or his RTD. If a patient dies, the FMC remains attached to the body until interment when it then is removed. If the body cannot be identified when it is to be interred, the registration number given the remains by the Graves Registration Service is noted on the FMC.

c. Under combat conditions, the aidman may only partially complete the FMC for patients being treated. Otherwise, all entries are completed as fully as possible. The blocks that must be complete are 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 20, 21 (if a tourniquet is applied), 22, and 29. This also applies to the BAS when patients are being transferred to another MTF during a combat situation. Instructions for completing items on the ITRCS apply to similar items on the FMC; all abbreviations authorized for use on the cover sheet may also be used on the FMC. Except for those listed below, however, abbreviations may not be used for diagnostic terminology.

- Abr W—abraded wound.
- Cent W—contused wound.
- FC—fracture (compound) open.
- FCC—fracture (compound) open comminuted.

- FS—fracture simple (closed).
- LW—lacerated wound.
- MW—multiple wounds.
- Pen W—penetrating wound.
- Perf W—perforating wound.
- SL—slight.
- SV—severe.

d. The FMC may also be used for CRO cases. Certain cases not admitted to an MTF are CRO. For CRO cases, DA Form 3647 or the FMC is prepared and a register number assigned. When DA Form 3647 is used, Items 7, 10, 14, 24, 27, 30, and the name of the admitting officer need not be completed. When the FMC is used, Item 11 need not be completed.

H-3. Supplemental Field Medical Cards

When more space is needed, another FMC is attached to the original. This second one is labeled in the upper RIGHT corner "FMC #2" and shows the patient's name, grade, SSN, and nation (Figure H-2).

FMC #2				
1. NAME (Last-First-Middle initial)/NOM, PRENOMS DOE, JOHN P.		2. SERVICE NUMBER/NUMERO MATRICULE 555-33-6666	3. GRADE/GRADE SGT	4. NATION/NATION (e.g. Etats Unis) USA
5. FORCE/ARMEE	6. BRANCH AND TRADE/ARME (e.g. infanterie)	7. UNIT/UNITE		8. SERVICE (Yrs)/DUREE DES SERVICES (e.g. 2 6/12)
9. AGE/AGE	10. RACE/RACE	11. RELIGION/RELIGION	12. FACILITY WHERE TAGGED/ LIEU D'ETABLISSEMENT DE LA FICHE	
14. DIAGNOSIS (including cause)/DIAGNOSTIC (Cause comprise)			13. DATE AND HOUR TAGGED/ DATE ET HEURE D'ETABLISSEMENT DE LA FICHE 1530 6 NOV 83	
27. DISPOSITION-DISPOSAL/ DESTINATION DONNEE AU BLESSE		28. HOUR AND DATE/ HEURE ET DATE		29. MEDICAL OFFICER (Signe) [Signature]
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Figure H-2. "FMC #2."

H-4. Disposition of Field Medical Cards

a. For Patients Admitted and Discharged and CRO Cases. The original FMC of CRO cases or of an admission with a disposition other than to a hospital is sent to higher headquarters within the command for coding.

b. For Transfer Patients. When a patient arrives at a hospital, his FMC is used to prepare his inpatient treatment record (ITR). This FMC then becomes part of his ITR.

c. For Outpatients. The original of an FMC used to record outpatient treatment is filed in the patient's health record or outpatient treatment record.

d. Carbon Copies. All carbon copies of an FMC are destroyed locally after 3 months.

H-5. Field Medical Record Jacket

The Field Medical Record Jacket (DA Form 4006) may be used as an envelope for the FMC. To keep the jacket from being opened while the patient is in transit, pertinent personnel and medical data on the patient may be recorded on the outside. The movement of the patient may also be recorded. When the jacket has been so used, it becomes a part of the ITR.

H-6. Instructions for Completing the Field Medical Card

a. Item 1 (Name).

b. Item 2 (Service Number). Enter the SSN for US military personnel. Enter service number for foreign military personnel (including prisoners of war). Leave blank for all others.

c. Item 3 (Grade). Enter patient's grade. Use abbreviations listed in Table H-1.

d. Item 4 (Nation). Enter country of whose armed forces the patient is a member (for example, enter "USA" for US Armed Forces).

e. Item 5 (Force). Enter specific armed service of patient.

f. Item 6 (Branch and Trade). Enter branch or corps for US officers. Enter area of concentration (AOC) or brief description of occupation (for example, "rifleman"; for foreign military, enter similar information).

g. Item 7 (Unit). Enter military unit. For civilian, enter enough information to identify patient (for example, "wife, Army SGT").

h. Item 8 (Service). Enter length of service for military personnel. Include all active duty during previous tours or reenlistment even if interrupted. Show length of service less than 1 month in days (for example, "23/365"); service less than 2 years in completed months (for example, "13/24"); and service of more than 2 years in completed years (for example, "3 YRS" for 3 years and 9 months).

i. Item 9 (Age). Enter patient's age.

j. Item 10 (Race). Enter "Cau" for Caucasian; "Neg" for Negroid; "Oth" for other races; "Unk" for unknown.

k. Item 11 (Religion). Enter patient's religious preference. If none, enter "None."

l. Item 12 (Facility Where Tagged). Enter MTF and location. Describe location in broad geographic terms (for example, "Near Mazaliji, Saudi Arabia").

m. Item 13 (Date and Hour Tagged). Enter date and time initial treatment was started. Enter time using the 24-hour system.

n. Item 14 (Diagnosis). Enter disease or injury requiring treatment.

(1) Punctured, penetrating, or missile wounds. Give point of entry and name organs, arteries, or nerves involved, if known.

(2) Injuries not incurred in combat. State the nature of the injury; the causative agent; the body parts affected; the circumstances causing the injury; if accidentally incurred, deliberately self-inflicted, or deliberately inflicted by another; and the place and date.

(3) Injuries incurred in combat. Add to the details described in (2) above that the injury was the result of enemy action. Also include causative agent and general geographical location (for example, "Near Seoul, Korea").

(4) Injuries or diseases caused by chemical or bacteriological agents, or by ionizing radiation. Add to the details described in (2) above, the name of the agent or type of ionizing radiation. If the name is not known, provide information that is known about the physical, chemical, or physiological properties of the agent (odor, color, physical state). Also state date, time, and place of contamination; time between contamination and treatment; and nature of treatment. For those affected by ionizing radiation, also report the approximate distance from the source; if exposure was to gamma rays, the actual or estimated dosage (for example, "near 150 rad" or "measured 200 rad"), and if exposed via airburst, ground burst, water surface burst, or underwater burst.

o. Item 15 (Line of Duty). Enter "Yes" or "No."

p. Item 16 (Injury). If injury, check Item 16 and indicate whether injury was caused by enemy action or not caused by enemy action; that is, if enemy action, check "Yes."

q. Item 17 (Sick). If disease (sick), check Item 17 and indicate whether disease was caused by enemy action or not caused by enemy action.

r. Item 18 (Date and Hour of Injury). Self-explanatory. If injury occurred prior to treatment, estimate as accurately as possible the date and time of injury.

s. Item 19 (What Patient Was Doing When Injured). Enter circumstances leading to injury.

t. Item 20 (Treatment Given). Enter any antibiotics, drugs, blood plasma, and other treatment given. Enter name of antibiotic and/or drugs, and each dose, hour, and date it was given. If more space is needed, use Item 32 on reverse side of the FMC.

u. Item 21 (Tourniquet). Enter "Yes" or "No." If yes, enter date and time applied.

v. Items 22 through 26. Enter the dose, time, and date if any of the drugs in Items 22 through 26 were given.

w. Item 27 (Disposition). Enter one of the following:

(1) "Transfer." When transferred to another MTF. When the MTF is not known, enter general destination and means of transportation.

(2) "Duty." " Inpatient RTD.

(3) "Died." Died after admission.

(4) "CRO." For military patients CRO and returned to duty, enter "CRO—Duty." For deaths CRO, enter "CRO—Death." (Dead on Arrival (DOA).)

x. Item 28 (Hour and Date of Disposition). Self-explanatory.

y. Item 29 (Medical Officer). Enter signature, grade, and organization of the MTF commander, medical officer, or selected enlisted members authorized to sign the FMC.

z. Item 30 (Religious Information). Completed by chaplain.

aa. Item 31 (Diet). Check appropriate box.

bb. Item 32 (Remarks). Use this item to continue or expand any information given on the front of the form; cross-reference the item being continued. Use this item also to give any additional information that might be needed for a patient being evacuated through the MTF. For transfer cases, enter the date and hour of transfer. When additional treatment is given en route, state the nature of the treatment, where it was given, and the date and hour it was given. For deaths en route, state the date, hour, cause, and approximate place of death, as well as any other pertinent information. For patients returned to duty when they arrive at the MTF, enter that they were returned, the date, the MTF, and the hour returned. For these cases, no ITRCS is needed but IPDS (Individual Patient Data System) coding is required.

Table H-1. Officer and Enlisted Grade Structure

ARMY	MARINES	NAVY/ COAST GUARD	AIR FORCE	DATA CODES
GENERAL OF THE ARMY (GA)	—	FLEET ADMIRAL (FADM)	GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE (GenAF)	G5
GENERAL (GEN)	GENERAL (GEN)	ADMIRAL (ADM)	GENERAL (GEN)	G4
LIEUTENANT GENERAL (LTG)	LIEUTENANT GENERAL (LtGen)	VICE ADMIRAL (VADM)	LIEUTENANT GENERAL (LtGen)	G3
MAJOR GENERAL (MG)	MAJOR GENERAL (MajGen)	REAR ADMIRAL (RADM)	MAJOR GENERAL (MajGen)	G2
BRIGADIER GENERAL (BG)	BRIGADIER GENERAL (BGen)	COMMODORE (COMO)	BRIGADIER GENERAL (Brig Gen)	G1
COLONEL (COL)	COLONEL (Col)	CAPTAIN (CAPT)	COLONEL (Col)	06
LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC)	LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LtCol)	COMMANDER (CDR)	LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LtCol)	05
MAJOR (MAJ)	MAJOR (Maj)	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER (LCDR)	MAJOR (MAJ)	04
CAPTAIN (CPT)	CAPTAIN (Capt)	LIEUTENANT (LT)	CAPTAIN (Capt)	03
FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT)	FIRST LIEUTENANT (1stLt)	LIEUTENANT, JUNIOR GRADE (LTJG)	FIRST LIEUTENANT (1Lt)	02
SECOND LIEUTENANT (2LT)	SECOND LIEUTENANT (2ndLt)	ENSIGN (ENS)	SECOND LIEUTENANT (2Lt)	01
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CW4)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO4)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO-4)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO-4)	W4
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CW3)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO3)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO-3)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO-3)	W3
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CW2)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO2)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO-2)	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO-2)	W2
WARRANT OFFICER (WO1)	WARRANT OFFICER (WO)	WARRANT OFFICER (WO-1)	WARRANT OFFICER (WO)	W1
SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY (SMA)	SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS (SgtMajMC)	MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY (MCPON)	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE (CMSAF)	E9
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (CSM)	SERGEANT MAJOR (SgtMaj)	FLEET/COMMAND MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (MCPO)	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT (MSgt)	E9

Table H-1. Officer and Enlisted Grade Structure (Continued)

ARMY	MARINES	NAVY/ COAST GUARD	AIR FORCE	DATA CODES
SERGEANT MAJOR (SGM)	MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT (MGySgt)	—	FIRST SERGEANT (E-9)	E9
FIRST SERGEANT (1SG)	FIRST SERGEANT (1stSgt)	SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (SCPO)	SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT (SMSgt)	E8
MASTER SERGEANT (MSG)	MASTER SERGEANT (MSgt)	—	FIRST SERGEANT (E-8)	E8
PLATOON SERGEANT (PSG) OR SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC)	GUNNERY SERGEANT (GySgt)	CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (CPO)	MASTER SERGEANT (MSgt)	E7
STAFF SERGEANT (SSG)	STAFF SERGEANT (SSgt)	PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS (PO1)	TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TSgt)	E6
SERGEANT (SGT)	SERGEANT (Sgt)	PETTY OFFICER (PO2)	STAFF SERGEANT (SSgt)	E5
CORPORAL (CPL)	CORPORAL (Cpl)	PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS (PO3)	SERGEANT (Sgt)	E4
SPECIALIST 4 (SP4)	—	—	—	E4
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (PFC)	LANCE CORPORAL (LCpl)	SEAMAN (Seaman)	AIRMAN FIRST CLASS (A1C)	E3
PRIVATE (PVT)	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (PFC)	SEAMAN APPRENTICE (SA)	AIRMAN (Amn)	E2
PRIVATE (PVT)	PRIVATE (Pvt)	SEAMAN RECRUIT (SR)	AIRMAN BASIC (AB)	E1