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<b>RDT&amp;E BUDGET ITEM JUSTIFICATION SHEET (R-2 Exhibit)</b>							<b>DATE</b> February 2000		
<b>APPROPRIATION/BUDGET ACTIVITY</b> RDT&E/Defense-Wide/BA 3							<b>R-1 ITEM NOMENCLATURE</b> Cooperative DoD/VA Medical Research Program <b>PE 0603738D8Z</b>		
<i>COST(In Millions)</i>	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	Cost to Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element (PE) Cost	5.855	7.415	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	Continuing	Continuing
Coop DoD/VA Medical/P464	5.855	7.415	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	Continuing	Continuing

(U) **A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

(U) **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENT**

(U) Congress has added funding in this program element each year since 1987. Through FY 1998, the program was managed by the Veterans Administration. In accordance with the FY 1999 Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 3616, Sec. 244), the Department of Defense now guides investment of these funds as executive agent, acting through the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and the Naval Operational Medicine Institute. Coordination with the VA on research topics ensures that the program benefits the health of both active military forces and veterans. Research proposals are solicited from in-house DoD and VA investigators, and projects are selected for funding based on technical merit and relevance to the solicitation. Technical merit is determined through independent peer review by experts outside the DoD and VA. Projects are selected through independent peer review by intramural VA and DoD physicians and scientists. Funds support a `core` or general research program of cooperative medical research in topics such as emerging infectious diseases, trauma, stress, and exercise physiology. Funds also support studies on emerging medical issues of importance to DoD and VA.

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(U) **Project Number and Title: P464 Coop DoD/VA Medical**

(U) **PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANS**

(U) **FY1999 Accomplishments:**

(U) In FY 1999, the Department of Defense developed an investment strategy and execution plan to comply with the FY 1999 Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 3616, Sec. 244). That bill named the Secretary of Defense as executive agent, acting through the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) and the Naval Operational Medicine Institute (NOMI). USAMRMC has solicited proposals for research in the following topics: women's health, including traumatic stress; emerging pathogens; muscle repair mechanisms and prosthesis (e.g. Post Polio Syndrome); home health monitoring (advanced technology); innovative drug delivery systems; medical records transitioning; and sleep disorders. NOMI has solicited proposals for research on the following topics: the extent and nature of physical, psychological and social problems suffered by prisoners of war and their families; factors that determine the resiliency of POWs and their families in recovering from the trauma of the experience; and physical and psychological markers that would identify potential late sequelae of captivity in former or future POWs. Awards to successful proposals began in 4Q FY 1999.  
(\$ 5.855 Million)

(U) **FY2000 Plans:**

(U) In FY 2000 the Department of Defense will continue to be executive agent, acting through the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and the Naval Operational Medicine Institute. Coordination with VA on research topics will ensure that the program benefits the health of both active military forces and veterans. As in FY 1999, research proposals will be solicited from intramural DoD and VA investigators and/or extramural investigators with significant DoD or VA collaboration. Projects will be evaluated for technical merit and program relevance. Funds will support a `core` or general research program of cooperative medical research in topics on emerging medical issues of importance to DoD and VA.  
(\$ 7.415 Million)

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(U) <b>B. <u>Program Change Summary</u></b>	<b><u>FY1999</u></b>	<b><u>FY2000</u></b>	<b><u>FY2001</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>
Previous President's Budget	5.915	0.000	0.000	Continuing
Appropriated Value	0.000	8.000	0.000	Continuing
Adjustments to Appropriated Value				
a. Congressionally Directed Undistributed Reduction	0.000	0.000	0.000	
b. Rescission/Below-threshold Reprogramming, Inflation Adjustment	(.060)	(.485)	0.000	
c. Other	0.000	(.100)	0.000	
Current President's Budget	5.855	7.415	0.000	13.270

**Change Summary Explanation:**

- (U) **Funding:** Funding changes are due to rescission and inflation adjustments.
- (U) **Schedule:** N/A
- (U) **Technical:** N/A
- (U) **C. OTHER PROGRAM FUNDING SUMMARY COST:** N/A
- (U) **D. ACQUISITION STRATEGY:** N/A
- (U) **E. SCHEDULE PROFILE:** N/A

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