SUBJECT: Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology

References: (a) DoD Directive 5154.11, subject as above, August 7, 1985 (hereby canceled)
(b) Title 10, United States Code, Sections 176 and 177

A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) to:

1. Update DoD policy and procedures in maintaining a DoD commitment to aviation pathology through coordination among the military organizations of the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States.

2. Be consistent with references (b) and (c) in establishing central coordination for a Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology (hereafter referred to as the "Committee") under the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP).

B. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the representatives of the Military Departments, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), and with concurrence of applicable authority, members of the Military Services of the United Kingdom and Canada.

C. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

1. The Committee shall be concerned with the role of pathology as applied to aviation and flight safety, and act as the focal point for such dissemination.

2. The Committee shall:

   a. Collect information to correlate pathological evidence with the causes of aircraft accidents.

   b. Review pathological investigations of unexplained aircraft accidents.

   c. Summarize pathological data to improve flight safety.
d. Review and collate pathological data for possible harmful changes caused by repeated and prolonged exposure to environmental factors and forces present in flight.

e. Collect information on psychological and physiological factors that may produce pathological changes due to flight stress.

f. Establish an aircraft accident registry, including the accumulation of pathological data from a large series of cases.

3. Information developed by the Committee shall be published in technical reports, proceedings, or the scientific literature.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (ASD(HA)) shall monitor the implementation of this Directive.

2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall each designate two representatives from their respective Military Services to serve as Committee members.

3. The Director, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), shall designate two members of the Institute to serve as Committee members.

4. The United Kingdom and Canada may designate two individuals from their Military Services to serve as members of the Committee.

E. PROCEDURES

1. Membership

   a. The chairperson shall be nominated by the Committee and appointed by the Director, AFIP. The chair shall normally rotate among the member agencies.

   b. Representatives of the U.S. Military Services shall normally serve a term of 3 years and may be reappointed at the discretion of the appointing authority.

   c. Members may invite observers from their own or other interested government and civilian agencies as considered applicable by the Committee.

   d. The Director, AFIP, shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Committee, a specialist in aviation pathology to serve as the Secretary of the Committee. The Secretary's term of office shall be continuous at the pleasure of the Director, AFIP, and the Committee.

2. Meetings and Travel

   a. The Committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson in Washington, D.C. or other designated location.
b. The Committee shall sponsor a biennial scientific session, which may be hosted in rotation by member nations, for presentation of scientific papers on aerospace pathology.

3. Administrative Matters

The Director, AFIP, shall:

a. Provide administrative and clerical support, as required, for the Committee within the limits of available resources.

b. Maintain a permanent file of the findings and other records of the Committee and permit the inclusion into the AFIP collection of any pathological specimens acquired by the Committee. Abstracts of the findings and Committee report may be made available to member agencies and, when applicable, to medical and research activities of other government and civilian agencies that have such an interest.

c. Serve as the proponent agency and shall issue implementing documents as deemed appropriate.

d. Ensure that adequate provisions are made for the protection and/or dissemination of sensitive or classified information.

4. Requests for Information

Agencies and individuals seeking information on Committee activities should address their inquiries or requests to the following:

Secretary, Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Attn: CPL
Washington, D.C. 20306-6000

F. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Forward two copies of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) within 60 days.

William H. Taft, IV
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Pen changes to the following DoD Issuances are authorized:

**DoD Directive 5000.4, November 24, 1992**
Section E.
Heading. Delete “AND IMPLEMENTATION”
Lines 1 through 5. Delete “Implementing documents shall be kept to a minimum as deemed appropriate by the DoD Component Acquisition Executive. Forward one copy of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) within 120 days.”

**DoD Directive 5010.10, August 9, 1972**
Section IX.
Heading. Delete “AND IMPLEMENTATION”
Lines 2 through 7. Delete “DoD components will revise their regulations and instructions as necessary to implement this Directive and forward two copies of implementing instructions to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) and to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) within 90 days.”

**DoD Instruction 5010.34, August 4, 1975**
Section VII.
Heading. Delete “AND IMPLEMENTATION”
Lines 1 through 5. Delete “and will be promptly implemented in conjunction with DoD Directive 5010.31 (reference (a)). DoD Components shall forward four copies of their implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics) within 90 days.”
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Section G
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Lines 1 through 3. Delete "Forward two copies of the implementing documents to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy within 120 days."

DoD Directive 5210.64, November 6, 1978
Section E.
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Lines 1 through 5. Delete "Forward two copies of the implementing documents and any subsequent amendments, to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) within 120 days. Mark one copy to indicate implemented sections, subsections, paragraphs, and subparagraphs of this Directive."

DoD Instruction 5210.74, June 26, 1985
Section H.
Heading. Delete "AND IMPLEMENTATION"
Lines 1 through 4. Delete "Forward three copies of the implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence within 120 days of receipt of this Instruction and the applicable Federal Acquisition Regulation."

Section H.
Heading. Delete "AND IMPLEMENTATION"
Lines 1 through 5. Delete "Forward one copy of the implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence within 120 days; forward one copy of changes to implementing documents within 90 days of publication."

DoD Directive 5215.1, October 25, 1982
Section G.
Heading. Delete "AND IMPLEMENTATION"
Lines 1 through 3. Delete "Forward two copies of the implementing document to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering within 120 days."

DoD Directive 5500.19, December 6, 1985
Section G.
Heading. Delete "AND IMPLEMENTATION"
Lines 1 and 2. Delete "Forward two copies of the implementing documents to the General Counsel, Department of Defense, within 120 days."
DoD Issuance Number and Date

DoD Directive 5535.4, August 31, 1984

Section F.

- Heading. Delete "AND IMPLEMENTATION"
- Lines 1 through 5. Delete "Component implementation shall be submitted for approval of the General Counsel, Department of Defense, within 90 days of the effective date of this Directive. All component implementing regulations and changes require the approval of the General Counsel."

EFFECTIVE DATE

The above pen changes are effective immediately. Although the pen changes remove the requirement for DoD Components to issue implementing documents, the DoD issuances are directly applicable to all elements with the Components and the Heads of the DoD Components are responsible for carrying out the DoD guidance.

James L. ELMER
Director
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