



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
2D INFANTRY DIVISION
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #01-8, Surgery During PCS Tour or Rotational Deployment to Korea

1. REFERENCES.
 - a. AR 40-501 Standards of Military Fitness, 4 AUG, 2011.
 - b. USPACOM FY 2014 Force Health Protection Guidance, NOV, 2013.
2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all personnel assigned or attached to 2ID.
3. PURPOSE. To establish policy and standards for Soldiers who require surgery during PCS tours or rotational deployments.
4. POLICY: The "Fight Tonight" mission of 2ID mandates that units maintain fit, ready-to-fight Soldiers. However, our mission should not prevent a Soldier from receiving required surgery. Commanders should approve surgery when US military physicians advise that delaying surgery will increase a Soldier's risk for permanent disability.
5. This policy does not apply to optional surgery that neither prevents nor resolves dysfunction or disease, such as cosmetic procedures.
6. Commanders should discuss all Soldier surgeries with their Battalion and/or Brigade Surgeons for case-by-case guidance. When needed, additional guidance can be obtained from the Division Surgeon Office at DSN 315-732-6020.

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