

EDITORIAL

## The Romanian Military Medical System transformation strategy

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Facing the Romanian military system changeover determined by the affiliation to international security alliances and by the necessity to adapt it to global and regional security environment in order to be able to cope with actual threats and risks, the military medical system should be adapted in order to become efficient in providing medical support in operations and in the same time to provide medical care for soldiers and their families.

The military medical system transformation strategy represents the basic document which reflects the picture of desired end state showing the roads to get there.

The major challenge is represented by the harmonizing process between national and operational NATO laws and rules, because the interoperability is one of the main tasks in National Security Strategy.

Excellent trained medical personnel, establishing the standards of medical logistic support and procedures, the adapting process of the medical structures are the key points of this strategy, being in the same time the main courses of action.

Having the medical military system as a picture on the wall, it can be described as a dual functional mechanism, depending on its acting conditions: operational medicine providing medical support in operations, and stationary medicine providing medical care in peace time. In order to be efficient,

the military medical system should have the following features: to be complete from the battlefield through all stage off care, to be self-sustained, to be deployable with troops, and to be able for integration in multinational operational medical system and in the national civilian medical system as well.

The two main missions of the medical military system are preservation of health and the second, treating casualties and healing ill soldiers and their families. During all the actions, in order to accomplish both previous missions, the following general principles will be applied: the best medical practice, continuity of care, the interest of patient and the importance of the mission. This complex system works with excellent trained medical personnel in military medical educational system and combat medical training centers, having a proper medical logistics. For that, beside regulation domain, a significant financial effort will be needed. Moreover, a coordinated long time term financial strategic program to provide proper medical supplies will solve logistical issues in medical military system. Medical research and standardization processes are the engines to progress of all parts of the military medicine. A dedicated and efficient command-control system, working under well defined procedures will integrate medical



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considerations in the complex military mechanism.

The implementation plan will have the Medical Directorate in the center of the process, being involved from the highest to the smallest level of the medical support, using the military hospitals and the others subordinate structures to coordinate medical activities and to optimize the whole process.

Eventually, in the operational medicine domain every battalion level unit will be supported by a ROL 1 medical facility, every brigade level unit by a ROL 2 medical facility, all military hospitals except Central University Emergency Military Hospital will fulfill the ROL 3 medical facility criteria, and Central University Emergency Military Hospital will be the Romanian ROL 4 medical facility.

An important goal in the development of military hospitals will be represented by involving them in the training activities in their area of responsibility, so six military hospitals near the main ranges will have specific capabilities in order to be able to solve all medical situations with can be a result of high risk activities.

The medical military system will be fully integrated in the operations at all level by a professional and dedicated medical planning system which is the key of an effective medical support.

In the stationary medical domain, the target is to grow up the quality of the medical act from primary medicine to hospitals, in the mean time to prioritize the access of soldiers and their families to military medical system. Another important goal is to optimize the procedures for soldiers to get their legal rights regarding the payment for medical services and pharmaceutically services.

Last but not least, the military medical system should become the most available medical solution for soldiers and their families on the free medical services market.

The military medical system is a special medical system serving a special structure which is Romanian Military Force.