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| <b>Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION</b> |
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## **1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

NATO E-3A Component (SHAPE) - FLIGHT SURGEON'S MANUAL

## **1.2 AIM**

The aim of this publication is to establish the medical procedures for the exchange and assignment of aircrews among NATO nations.

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| Chapter 2 <b>INTERCHANGEABILITY OF NATO AIRCREW MEDICAL CATEGORIES</b> |
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## **2.1 MEDICAL PROCEDURES**

In the following paragraphs the responsibilities and procedures are written down for those of the parent nation and those of the host nations or responsible flight surgeon.

### **2.1.1 The responsibilities of parent nations**

1. The following factors remain the responsibility of parent nations :
  - a. Standards for primary selection.
  - b. Permanent medical disqualification.
  - c. Determination of temporary flying disabilities exceeding 30 days.

### **2.1.2 The responsibilities and procedures for all participating nations**

1. Participating nations will apply the following procedures, with regard to the medical categories concerning the flying status of aircrew.
  - a. When aircrew are sent for temporary flying duty to another nation or become part of a combined NATO unit, the host nation or NATO unit will accept the medical category concerning the flying status issued by the parent nation, including the expiration date.
  - b. Aircrew proceeding on such duty for periods of more than 30 days are to be accompanied by a medical statement in English or French, describing their medical fitness for flying duties. Nations will also forward:
    - (1) Latest flight physical report with pertinent medical information.
    - (2) Documentation helpful for post-accident identification purposes (fingerprints, dental charts, etc.).

- (3) Periodic Flight Physical Examinations will be conducted by attending flight surgeons in accordance with the Host Nation's aircrew physical standards and physical examination periodicity policy. For the aircrew of NATO Airborne Early Warning (NEAW) E-3A Component, the Flight Physical Examinations will be conducted according the physical standards of the Flight Surgeon's Manual of NATO E-3A Component. A copy of the flight physical report will be forwarded to the appropriate aeromedical authority of the parent nation. The medical authority of the host nation or NATO unit shall only apply their medical standards to new medical problems.
  - (4) Whenever aviation personnel are deployed as part of a multinational force, or when on temporary assignment in another NATO country, their routine Role/Echelon 1 medical care may be provided by a military Flight Surgeon of any NATO nation. This care may involve routine sick call, care for medical conditions found, and temporary grounding or ungrounding of aviation personnel. Any physician or dentist who feels that an aviator is unfit for flight may temporarily ground that aviator in accordance with his own national procedures. In clinics where no physician is available, other healthcare professionals have the authority to ground aircrew. But in all cases only a Flight Surgeon may return the aviator to flying duties. The medical determination as to when an aviator may return to flying duties will be determined by the servicing Flight Surgeon in accordance with his experience and training, using his own nation's Aviation Medicine Regulations for reference as needed. If conditions are found which in the opinion of the attending Flight Surgeon mandate long-term (more than 30 days) or potentially permanent disqualification, cases will be referred to the parent nation for action in accordance with their regulations.
- c. Participating nations will apply the following procedures, with regard to the transfer of medical records and information.
- (1) Transfer of medical records and information can only take place according the laws and regulations of the different nations.
  - (2) If national laws and regulations do not allow transfer of information without permission of the individual, a written consent is necessary. If the individual chooses to withhold consent, the only information that will be given to the parent nation will be a statement of fitness / unfitness for flying duties.

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