



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
1 JARRETT WHITE ROAD
Tripler AMC, Hawaii 96859-5000

MCHK-QS

DATE

MEMORANDUM FOR: PROVIDER, Tripler Army Medical Center, 1 Jarrett White Road, TAMC, HI 96859

MEMORANDUM FROM: Hospital Risk Manager, Tripler Army Medical Center

SUBJECT: Standard of Care Determination re: PATIENT, SSN

1. The Risk Management Committee met on DATE to review the case file associated with the potentially compensable event involving PATIENT. Relevant medical records, the peer reviews conducted at the department levels, and any statements and comments provided to the committee were considered to determine if standard of care was met in the care you provided to this patient.
2. After careful consideration of the available information, the Risk Management Committee concluded the standard of care in your clinical management of PATIENT leading up to DATE was indeterminate. The committee members mostly agreed that while you as the staff physician was aware of the patient's suboptimal condition throughout the week and share some responsibility for a failure to appropriately manage this patient, you were not consulted by the residents on DATE when the patient status clearly worsened and required more vigilance.
3. The following recommendation is provided from the deliberations of the committee:
 - a. Refer provider to Chief, Department of Surgery, and involved service chiefs. Refer resident providers to Vascular Surgery Program Director
4. Please note, that in accordance with AR 40-68, should this become a *paid* malpractice claim, the professional peer review performed by this organization is the first of several reviews that will be conducted. Claims for which the US Government was held liable, i.e., a payment was made, are reviewed locally, and may also be evaluated by Maximus if MTF standard of care was determined "met", the Department of Defense external professional review organization, and/or by the US Army Medical Command.
5. If you have any questions concerning this process, please feel free to contact _____, at 433-2476, to discuss your concerns.

Hospital Risk Manager

LTC, MC
Chairman, Risk Management Committee

Please Note: Involved provider has 30 days after the receipt of notification they did not meet standard of care to request to address RM Committee with additional information.

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