Emergency War Surgery Handbook Now Available

A collaborative effort of the Borden Institute and the AMEDD Center & School

Washington, DC – Although called the 3rd US Revision, this edition of Emergency War Surgery (EWS) represents an entirely new Handbook both in style and content. All material is new and revised to reflect lessons learned from ongoing American involvement in Southwest Asia.

“The editors of this edition are to be congratulated for drawing on the experiences of numerous colleagues recently returned from tours of duty in Southwest Asia in order to provide as current a Handbook as possible,” said William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

The Handbook takes a bulleted manual style in order to optimize its use as a rapid reference. Drafted by subspecialty experts, it was then updated by surgeons returned from yearlong deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Illustrations are featured much more prominently than in the earlier edition.

“This revision of the Emergency War Surgery handbook provides the information needed to save the country’s and military’s most precious resource: our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines,” said Kevin C. Kiley, MD (LTG, MC, US Army), The Surgeon General.

A collaborative effort of the Borden Institute and the AMEDD Center & School, this Handbook is the essential tool for the management of forward combat trauma.

“Its intent, and the single-minded determination of the contributors, is the retention of lessons learned from recent, as well as past, battlefield surgery,” said Dave E. Lounsbury, MD (COL, MC, US Army), Director of the Borden Institute.

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