The current medical system to support the U.S. Army at war is a continuum from the forward line of troops through the continental United States; it serves as a primary source of trained replacements during the early stages of a major conflict. The system is designed to optimize the return to duty of the maximum number of trained combat soldiers at the lowest possible level. Far-forward stabilization helps to maintain the physiology of injured soldiers who are unlikely to return to duty and allows for their rapid evacuation from the battlefield without needless sacrifice of life or function.
Medical Force 2000 (MF2K)
PATIENT FLOW IN A THEATER OF OPERATIONS

ASF: Aeromedical Staging Facility, USAF
ASMB: Area Support Medical Battalion
ASMC: Area Support Medical Company
BAS: Battalion Aid Station
Cbt Medic: Combat Medic
CSH: Combat Support Hospital
COMMZ: Communication Zone
CZ: Combat Zone

E: Echelon
FH: Field Hospital
FST: Forward Surgical Team
GH: General Hospital
MASF: Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility, USAF
Med Co: Medical Company
RTD: Return to Duty