

## Commander's Corner: Force Sustainment Directorate

The Force Sustainment Directorate (FSD) is the Army's premiere medical materiel procurement, set assembly, and materiel fielding solution for the Warfighter. The four main sections that support this mission are the Assembly Management Division (AMD) the Materiel Fielding Division (MFD) the Acquisition Data Synchronization Division (ADSD), and USAMMA's Enterprise Requirements Planning (ERP) cell.

- ❖ **Assembly Management Division (AMD)**: Using Army priorities and funding, AMD procures medical equipment and supplies, assembles the materiel into sets, and then manages the myriad of Sets, Kits and Outfits (SKOs) fielded to all components of the Army. Contrary to legend, there are no USAMMA warehouses at Fort Detrick stacked with medical supplies. Instead, AMD partners with Defense Logistics Agency assembly sites and contracted civilian corporations for built-to-order sets on a Just-In-Time basis. USAMMA uses TEWLS (Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics System) – a SAP-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system – to manage the many sets and the innumerable financial and supply transactions necessary. Finally, at the end of a medical set or product's life, AMD provides disposition instruction on whether to transfer the items for reuse, recapitalization, or turn-in to DRMO.
- ❖ **Materiel Fielding Division (MFD)**: MFD is a team of professional logisticians that fields the medical equipment and sets to the tactical Army units. The tactical units take ownership of and use the equipment in support of the Army's missions. These logisticians travel across the globe – including hostile fire zones and contingency operations - to ensure complete, functioning equipment and sets are rapidly and effectively transferred to Warfighting units. MFD also manages the Medical Equipment Reset and Medical Left Behind Equipment programs for the Army.
  - ❖ **Medical Equipment Reset Program**: MFD is the Army organization responsible for the Medical Equipment Reset program. MFD maintains oversight of both Sustainment and Field Level Reset, ensuring all deployed medical Line Item Numbers (LINs) are appropriately Reset. Additionally, USAMMA plans to provide Sustainment Level Reset to each redeploying BCT and enabling Brigade that redeployed with the latest series of medical equipment and sets. Additional information regarding the Medical Equipment Reset program is available through the following AKO link <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/kc/9725124>.
- ❖ **Acquisition Data Synchronization Division (ADSD)**: ADSD supports the SICA (Secondary Inventory Control Authority) function for medical items for the Army through the generation, receipt, transmission, validation, storage, control, and dissemination of logistics data. ADSD manages all the Army medical master data which includes NSN, LIN, NSLIN and the associated information and data. As the SICA, it has the authority over the data in the Army line in FLIS. ADSD serves as the Executive Agent for Tri-Service Maintenance & Management of MEDSILS for all services. MEDSILS also provides the platform for the Navy and Air Force to input their unique service data. ADSD is the sole source for managing the Unit Assemblage (UA) for all standard UA requirements, creating and updating sets as requirements are changed by set proponents: DCDD, Special Forces, MEDCOM, as well as USAMMA unique sets. This UA data is provided to LOGSA for publication of our medical Supply Catalogs in Logistics' Information Warehouse (LIW). The NSN, UA, and SC data produced by ADSD is used throughout the Army for procurement, supply, property accountability and maintenance purposes; this data is used as the Material Master Data in the current TEWLS enterprise.
  - ❖ **Left Behind Equipment (LBE)**: ADSD also manages the Army's Medical LBE program. The purpose of the LBE program is to relieve the commander of maintenance responsibilities and accountability of equipment left at home station while deployed. The Medical LBE program

currently focuses on active duty Role 3 Combat Support Hospitals because they fall in on Theater Provided Equipment (TPE) and leave their organic assets behind.

- ❖ **Enterprise Requirements Planning Cell (ERP):** Responsible for integrating all medical requirements in accordance with Department of the Army (DA) G8 priorities and funding, as well as other internal and external customers' funded requirements and priorities. The prioritized requirements become the fiscal year production plan which is provided to Assembly Management Division (AMD) and Materiel Fielding Division (MFD) for procurement and fielding. All new requirements and changes to existing requirements are validated by ERP. ERP frequently communicates with the DA G8, external stakeholders, and internally to provide updates on current fieldings and de-conflict competing requirements. The ERP is also responsible for reviewing MTOEs, master force documents, and Basis of Issue Plans (BOIPs) for accuracy and submitting discrepancies to the appropriate agency.

**In summary:** Force Sustainment Directorate is the linkage between the materiel developers at USAMMA (the Program Managers for Medical Equipment) and the customer (The TOE units that have medical capability). FSD catalogs, assembles and fields the best medical equipment and sets to ensure that clinicians have the tools to save lives on the battlefield.