

## DD Form 2844 Primer: Post-Deployment Medical Assessment

The ***Post-Deployment Medical Assessment Form (DD 2844)*** is a voluntary form used for patients presenting with post-deployment health care concerns in a primary care setting. The form facilitates outpatient treatment documentation by annotating key aspects in the assessment, management, and treatment of patients with deployment-related health concerns.

- DD 2844 may be used in lieu of SF 600 only for patients with deployment-related health concerns
- DD 2844 does not take the place of the DD 2796 (See DD 2796 Primer)
- DD 2844 use is determined by Service-specific and local clinic policy

### Form Structure and Completion Roles and Responsibilities

- **Section I–Patient Vital Signs** (*Items 1–13*) is completed by the ***health care provider or screener*** and comprises vital signs, demographics, tobacco use, allergies, special work status, and duty title
- **Section II–Patient Information** (*Items 14–19*) is completed by the ***patient*** or ***health care provider or screener*** from patient responses and comprises patient symptoms, deployment history, concerns, medication and immunizations, additional demographics, and privacy statement and signatures



## DD Form 2844 Primer (Side Two)

### Form Structure and Completion Roles and Responsibilities (Cont.)

• **Section III—Medical History, Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment** (*Items 20-29*) is completed by the **health care provider or screener** and comprises:

- Part A—History of Present Illness
- Part B—Directed Physical Exam
- Part C—Diagnosis
- May include information from other completed questionnaires, for example:
  - PTSD Checklist (PCL)
  - Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ)
  - Short Form 36 (SF-36)
  - Post-Deployment Health Clinical Assessment Tool (PD-CAT)
- Part D—Treatment Plan
- Part E—Referral
- Part F—Follow-up Appointment

### Form Processing

- The health care provider should facilitate appropriate referrals and follow-up based on responses to DD 2844
- Original DD 2844 form should be placed in the patient's permanent medical record

### Follow-up and Ongoing Care

- All military health system beneficiaries with health concerns they believe are deployment-related, regardless of time of identification, are encouraged to seek medical care
- Patients should be asked, “**Is your health concern today related to a deployment?**” during all primary care visits
- If the patient replies “**yes**,” the provider should follow the Post-Deployment Health Clinical Practice Guideline (PDH-CPG) available through the DHCC and [www.PDHealth.mil](http://www.PDHealth.mil)

