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The Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) currently runs three in-theater hospitals for severely injured or wounded personnel. Part of the practioners' preparation was treating DoD beneficiaries for a broad range of injuries and illnesses. Opportunities for this preparation are not as numerous ""in house"" as they once were, and AFMS does not always get proper credit for those gained elsewhere. Proper credit for that work is important for funding.