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ANNEX 4-02 MEDICAL OPERATIONS

EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

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Medical force planning requires an understanding of the joint and component plans for the supported mission. After considering the following planning factors, planners should develop a medical estimate of the threat and a supporting medical plan of operations. The plan should be developed in collaboration with medical planners from the supported [joint force commander](#), as well as from the other Service and functional component commands. The interdependent nature of patient regulation and movement, the [En Route Casualty Care System](#), medical logistics, and available blood support require planners to consider medical force operations from theater and global perspectives. Planning considerations include:

- ✦ Supported mission.
 - ✦ [Threat scenarios](#).
 - ✦ Planned and existing airfield locations.
 - ✦ [Airlift](#) availability and routes.
 - ✦ Population at risk for each location.
 - ✦ Host nation medical capabilities and existing relationships.
 - ✦ Medical capabilities of Service and coalition partners.
 - ✦ Environmental factors ([weather](#), terrain, endemic disease, etc.).
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