



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
EXTREMITY TRAUMA AND AMPUTATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR RAND Arroyo Center, 1776 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA  
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for RAND Arroyo Center Research Team to Interview  
Department of Defense Amputation Patients and Family Members

1. The Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence is sponsoring the RAND Arroyo Center conducting a study on the core clinical skills and knowledge required for excellent medical care for Service Members following amputation.
2. In order to best understand which skills and what knowledge are the most important in rehabilitating individuals with amputations, it is essential that the researchers interview patients and Family members/caregivers who have been recipients of this care in the Department of Defense (DoD). This will allow us to determine if the DoD is meeting the amputation patient's needs, if there are gaps in the care process, and to document those areas of excellence we want to retain to ensure quality amputation rehabilitation for future Wounded Warriors and Veterans.
3. Thank you for your consideration and participation in this interview process which will continue to improve the current and future healthcare for our Service Members.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Shero", is positioned above the printed name and title.

John C. Shero  
Executive Director