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PREFACE

This field manual (FM) provides information and guidance to hospital nutrition care personnel and commanders on Army Medical Feeding Operations in a table of organization and equipment (TOE) hospital. It describes nutritional care section actions, personnel, equipment, guidelines for nutrition support, and health promotion and nutrition education.

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Minimum Requirements for Water Potability and Long Term Use		245
Minimum Standards of Water Potability in Emergency Situations	2136	
Emergency Supply of Water in War	2885	
Survival, Emergency and Individual Combat Rations—Nutritional Values and Packaging	2937	
Essential Field Sanitary Requirements	2982	889

CHAPTER 1

NUTRITION CARE SECTION PREPARATION**1-1. Mission**

a. The nutrition care section provides services as part of the Army deployable hospital systems. Hospital units organized in TOE structures under the Medical Force 2000 (MF2K) concept consist of the corps combat support hospital (CSH) and the communications zone field hospital and general hospital. A new single hospital system (CSH) has been designed under the Medical Reengineering Initiative (MRI) for hospital support in the corps and communications zone. The MRI hospital system will replace the MF2K hospital system. The configuration of the MRI CSH will vary depending on the number of troops supported and the type of deployment. A nutrition care section is organic to each hospital system configuration under MF2K and MRI. This section is responsible for providing hospital nutrition care services, (meal preparation and service to patients and staff, dietetic planning, patient education, advising the commander on health and nutrition, and the theater health promotion training program).

b. In stability operations and support operations—

- Contract food service support may be procured for the deployed force. When the contract includes feeding the hospital staff and patients, only one dietitian and one or two hospital food service specialists, may be deployed. However, if the mission requires support to a large population, the full nutrition care section may be deployed. Regardless of the number of personnel deployed, the nutrition care personnel are responsible for ensuring that hospital nutrition care services are provided (dietetic planning, patient education, advising the commander on health and nutrition, and the theater health promotion training program). They are also responsible for ensuring that the correct patient diets and nourishments are provided by the contractor at the right times. To ensure that patient needs are met, a process is developed (with the contractor, the nutrition care section, and nursing services working together) for ordering and delivering patient meals and nourishments.

- Nutrition care services may involve feeding a healthy population or working with a host nation (HN) malnourished population. Nutrition care services may be provided directly to the HN population through nutrition assessment, therapeutic feeding, and population-based feeding programs. Indirect nutrition care assistance includes serving as a consultant to the HN medical education system in the development of nutrition programs for the HN population.

1-2. Deployment Actions

a. The nutrition care section must maintain the readiness of all section equipment and supplies for deployments. The section must continually train in preparation for deployments. Training may be conducted in the section, in a classroom, or during field training exercises. The key is to have all personnel trained to proficiency in their specialties and in their common soldiering tasks. Professional officer filler system (PROFIS) personnel must be included in the section training activities. Even if the PROFIS personnel cannot actively participate in the section training at the installation, they must be provided copies of all section training schedules, lesson plans, outlines, references, and other pertinent training material to ensure that they are prepared to perform their duties in the section. See Appendix A for additional information on training.