

TEXTBOOK OF MILITARY MEDICINE

The *Textbooks of Military Medicine* is a comprehensive, multivolume treatise on the art and science of military medicine. The series is designed to show how military medicine has built on the lessons learned in past wars and, based on this historical context, lays out the scientific and factual basis upon which the practice of military medicine is grounded.

Military medicine as a recognized academic discipline is threatened. Critics might say that the all-encompassing advances in civilian medicine have eclipsed military medicine. But these critics don't understand the nature of the battlefield and the particular requirements of far-forward, echelon-based combat casualty care. Military medicine constitutes a unique body of knowledge. The *Textbook of Military Medicine* is more than a repository for this knowledge; it is a valuable teaching tool that preserves our hard-won wisdom for future generations of medical officers.

The Textbook series is triservice in scope. Copies of the volumes are placed in military medical libraries worldwide for use. A specific volume or set can be requested free of charge by [military medical officers](mailto:military_medical_officers) at <http://das.cs.amedd.army.mil/textbook.htm>.