

Foreword by the Surgeon General ADF

New Journal — new outreach



THE HEALTH DISCIPLINES deal with issues that are central to the profession of arms. In peacetime, health professionals pervade every aspect of uniformed service — recruitment, training, career progression, promotion and retirement. During operational deployments, the health disciplines are central to the outcome of hot engagements and peacekeeping enforcement tasks.

Those who work in the uniformed health professions enjoy the privilege of collegiate interaction in the cognate disciplines of medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy and radiography. This new professional journal will promote the interdisciplinary communication that is potentially so valuable to the ADF. The clinical core of military medicine acknowledges no boundary of operational service. Health professionals in each Service have much to offer those in the other Services; the Defence Health Service is training and organising on triservice lines in recognition of this fact.

Defence health is the core business of servicemen and women who come from different disciplines, widely dispersed training and operational bases, separate command structures of the three Services, and the different domains of regular, reserve and civilian employment. This new journal offers a focus of communication to them all.

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