# Sharing Our Expertise With Our Nation's Finest



## MILITARY TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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**Cooper Medical School** of Rowan University

Cancer Center Making Cancer History Cooper University Health Care operates the busiest Level 1 Trauma Center in the Philadelphia/South Jersey area treating nearly 5,000 patients each year. Cooper's trauma experts – a few active and former military – are some of the most experienced and uniquely qualified to provide advanced education and training to military first-responders, medics, and surgeons. As a leading academic health system, Cooper's experts are committed to educating the next generation of medical professionals. The Cooper team has been honored to be one of the only health systems in the nation to train medical personnel from every branch of the United States Military.

Cooper's training programs are dedicated to helping military medical professionals save lives on the battlefield.

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#### Army Medical Department Military Civilian Trauma Team Training Program

The program was initiated by a Congressional mandate aimed at advancing the Military Health System trauma readiness for deployment to combat zones around the world. Army medical professionals are embedded at Cooper working side-by-side with our surgeons, nurses, and techs preparing them for traumas they will see on the battlefield.

#### Special Operations Combat Medic (SOCM) Course

Cooper is one of only five hospitals in the nation to provide clinical training to the elite Special Operations Combat Medics (SOCM) from the U.S. Military's Special Operations Command, including: U.S. Army Special Forces

and Rangers, Navy SEALS, and Marine Recon, among others.

Cooper provides the last stage of SOCM training before they put their life-saving skills to use in unique and crucial hotspots around the globe. Their experience at Cooper provides them will added skills and confidence to save lives under extreme conditions during deployments within weeks of completion.





"Everyone said we had to come to Cooper because Cooper is the best and that Cooper is setting the pace. Thank you for your support for the United States Army and the armed forces. You all are generating readiness for the soldiers who are saving lives in combat. The Cooper Army Partnership is the model medical program for the nation."

– Lt. Gen. R. Scott Dingle

#### Military Trauma Readiness Program (MTRP)

This is a unique collaborative agreement between multiple Department of Defense units and Cooper. The program is designed to help military medical personnel maintain their trauma, emergency medicine, and critical care skills by being immersed in Cooper's intense clinical settings.

#### **Cooper Advanced Trauma Training Course (CATTC)**

An intense medical training program that concentrates on the development and honing of critical trauma resuscitation and surgical skills for physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and military noncommissioned officers in dealing with severely injured patients in any environment, e.g., combat, mass shootings, severe non-combat injuries. CATTC encourages the transfer of knowledge between military and the civilian trauma and medical professionals. Cooper is uniquely positioned to assist this knowledge transfer as its trauma leadership is made up of active and former military personnel.

#### Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET)

Cooper residents, trauma fellows, medical students, Army operating room techs, and army health providers assigned to Cooper participate in advanced surgical trauma care in the Anatomy Laboratory of Cooper Medical School of University. This program furthers advanced lifesaving surgical skills helpful on the battlefield.

#### **United States Department of State**

#### **U.S. State Department Guardian Emergency Management Specialists**

A program for physicians, physician assistants, paramedics and civil service employees with dual roles as regional contingency planners and

direct medical support teams from the Office of Mobile Security Deployments or the Secretary of State's Protective Detail. These very experienced health care providers come to Cooper for training to sustain their trauma skills.

#### **State Department Telemedicine Consults**

Through this program, the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. State Department send their elite military personnel to Cooper-prior to deployment – for hands-on medical training. When critical medical emergencies arise halfway across the world, Cooper's trauma team is able to provide real-time guidance, if necessary, to military medical professionals on the scene through telemedicine capabilities.

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security Project Cadence

This collaboration with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides advanced clinical training to members of the DHS Emergency Medical Services system. The basic first responder training includes 40 hours of clinical rotations through our Level 1 Trauma Center with emphasis on trauma admitting, emergency department, and EMS transportation, followed by 80-120 hours of clinical site training in those areas.



#### HeroCare Connect is a personal, one-stop resource that links military families, active duty and retired military, and veterans with specialty care services close to home and on a timely basis.

This unique program, a joint venture between Cooper and Deborah Heart and Lung Center, provides convenient and expedited access to specialty care for military patients stationed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and veterans across South Jersey, supplementing the primary, gynecologic, and pediatric care available on base. Through the HeroCare Connect concierge access center, staff members also follow up with results and reports, coordinate additional testing and care, and communicate with all medical and military professionals involved with each patient.

# **Cooper On Call**





Cooper has six Sea Box containers which can be outfitted with medical equipment and supplies. They are transported to the site of national initiatives such as the 2021 relocation of Afghan refugees to the United States that included South Jersey as part of Operation Allies Welcome.

Often hosting and training military personnel from around the country, Cooper's Division of Military, Diplomatic & Field Surgical Affairs has an office with multiple and flexible conference rooms on the Cooper campus referred to by staff as "The Embassy."



# Positioned to Lead

- More than 7,000 critically-ill and injured patients are transferred to Cooper each year from area hospitals
- 5,000 trauma cases each year making Cooper the busiest trauma center in the region
- 73,000 emergency room visits each year
- 75+ medical and surgical specialties
- 800+ physicians are faculty of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
- Designated COVID-19 Response Control Center for Southern New Jersey by the State of New Jersey

