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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Guidance for Military Health System Video Teleconference Standards

This memorandum supercedes HA Policy 98-038 which established the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) policy for Military Health System (MHS) Video Teleconference (VTC) Standards for fixed facilities. Implementing a standards profile for VTC equipment used in MHS fixed facilities will achieve economies of scale, increase interoperability, reduce complexity, and simplify the management of Video Teleconferencing.

Attachment 1, MHS VTC Baseline Standards, presents the updated VTC standards profile for fixed facilities within the MHS. These standards were developed by the Tri-Service Technical Integration Working Group and were coordinated and approved by the MHS Information Management Program Review Board. They will allow us to communicate effectively with VTC as a medium. To ensure a high-quality VTC session, there must be compatible video, communications and control, audio, and data. All new VTC acquisitions and planned upgrades using Defense Health Program funding should comply with these standards. These VTC standards comply with the DoD Joint Technical Architecture and industry best practices.

The guidance in this memorandum will be updated in the future to reflect advances in technology, product availability and market support. Point of contact for this guidance is the Office of Technology Management, Integration and Standards at (703) 681-6779 or [tmisweb@tma.osd.mil](mailto:tmisweb@tma.osd.mil).

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Chief Information Officer

Attachment(s):  
As stated

### Military Health System Video Teleconference Baseline Standards

Type	Standard
Video, Communications and Control	H.320, H.323, H.221, H.230, H.242, H.243, H.244, H.261, and H.263
Audio	G.711, G.722, and G.728
Data	T.120, T.122, T.124, and T.125