

Presentation 4 - Joe Gough

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Deployment Health
Solicitation and Review
Process**

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Solicitation Objective

- Expand ORD's systematic paradigm linking basic research to practice:
 - Epidemiology
 - Diagnosis
 - Treatment
 - Prevention of deployment-related illnesses

Categories of Research Focus

- "Long-term" effects of exposure/risk factors among deployed veterans
- Impacts of specific occupational and environmental exposures
- Advancements in evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of deployment-related illnesses
- Health risk "communication" for veterans and health care providers

*Biomedical Laboratory Science
Research & Development*

- Pilot projects of existing problems with new lines of investigation
- Differ from traditional proposals (preliminary data optional if rational hypothesis, literature, or logical basis)

Peer Review Evaluation

- Scientific quality
- Significance/Innovation
- Methodological rigor
- Feasibility
- Relevance to program announcement

Common Peer Review Process

- OMB/OSTP – fund “best science”
- Service-specific boards ~ 15 members
 - scientific content “matched” to reviewer expertise
 - 3 reviewers/study
 - scoring - 10-50 scale (typically)
 - CRADO reviews aggregate scores