

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### THE FIRST MEDEVAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE CZECH ARMED FORCES FIELD HOSPITAL

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform you, that, recently, scientific and educative effort of the Medical Corps of the Czech Armed Forces has achieved a significant result in the quality, deployability and sustainability process within field medical support area. Until 2010, all field military hospital units were certified according to the CREVAL scale considering deployability from logistic and military-operation aspects only. CREVAL scale has been omitting medical aspects, number of medical specialists and procedures for proper triage, treatment and patients handling.



**Figure 1.** Surgical intervention of combined injury.

These non-evaluated significant areas of field hospital unit capabilities were negotiated successfully, and described in the NATO Allied Medical Publication – 27.

On behalf of our unit, I may proudly declare, that the Czech military field hospital has successfully undergone MEDEVAL as the first body certified with deployability of all its modules. Therefore, NATO Response Force has got a fully deployable field hospital for 2013.



**Figure 2.** A patient after the second (medical) triage is transferred to the Operation theatre

Noteworthy, even MEDEVAL has its own limitations, when consideration gravity lies in the area of diagnostic, therapeutic and transportation capabilities for deployment of any military hospital units in the future. It seems to be beneficial to combine both evaluation aspects, military and medical, i.e. MEDEVAL and CREVAL. By using this method, it is possible to analyze profoundly all crucial abilities of such hospital units.

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As an evidence I express, that national rules for consumable medical materiel and power energy cells capacity might be the weakest point of our

deployability. Both abilities are thoroughly evaluated by CREVAL, while MEDEVAL considers them more superficially.



**Figure 3.** The second (medical) triage of a patient after decontamination.

Finally, I would like to thank all scientists and lecturers, who helped us to absorb cutting edge information from research and theory.

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