

Improving Military Trauma Team Readiness

How Military Surgical Teams Can Keep Skills Sharp When Not Deployed

499 surveys distributed

to capture clinical experience of non-physician reservists vs. active duty Army Forward Resuscitative Surgical Team (FRST) members

FRST members who had > 15 years of experience in practice

Active duty: 18% ∴ Reservist: **29%**

FRST members who spent > 50% of time treating critically injured patients

Active duty: 4% ∴ Reservist: **17%**

Conclusion

To address training gaps and enhance care provided while deployed, active duty FRST members should have adequate clinical training opportunities before deployment. Trauma teams, not just physicians, must embed within civilian centers.

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