

CG USAMEDCOM - TSG Sends 1st Qtr Wolf Pack Award

Team Army Medicine:

It is with great pleasure that CSM Gragg and I announce the Tafenoquine Integrated Product Team (IPT), U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity (USAMMDA), U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC), Fort Detrick, MD, as the winner of the Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award for the 1st Quarter, FY 2019.

This integrated team of 23 Active Duty military and Civilians worked closely to develop the anti-malarial prophylactic drug, Tafenoquine (TQ), the first new drug approved for the prevention of malaria by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The IPT's development of Tafenoquine results in a measurable improvement in compliance and effectiveness in the prevention of malaria in U.S. forces deployed to malaria-endemic areas of the world. This new and powerful drug represents a significant milestone in the global fight against malaria and will have a tremendous impact on this devastating disease worldwide. The FDA's approval of Tafenoquine marks the culmination of a full-scale military medical development effort. Tafenoquine was originally discovered by scientists at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, at that time a subordinate laboratory of the USAMRMC. The team's efforts resulted in the first new FDA-approved anti-malaria drug in more than 18 years. The DoD's international research laboratories played a vital role in the execution of over 25 clinical trials, conducted worldwide. Lead management of the development effort transitioned to the USAMMDA, a subordinate activity of USAMRMC. A monumental undertaking included collaboration with a commercial partner, 60 Degrees Pharmaceuticals (60P), resulting in FDA licensure in a short time frame.

The contributions of the IPT provided critical support at a crucial time period during Tafenoquine's development. The team's diligence to foster Tafenoquine through complex logistics systems, ensures that this critical drug makes it into the hands of the WARFIGHTER. These collective efforts results in DoD filling a critical capability gap, providing a highly safe and effective weekly drug to prevent malaria, thereby keeping troops on the line and protecting the WARFIGHTER against this debilitating and often fatal disease.

Please join me in congratulating the Integrated Product Team! Their efforts and achievements epitomize the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine. The exceptional teamwork and dedication displayed by this dynamic team epitomizes the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine. Congratulations team!

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