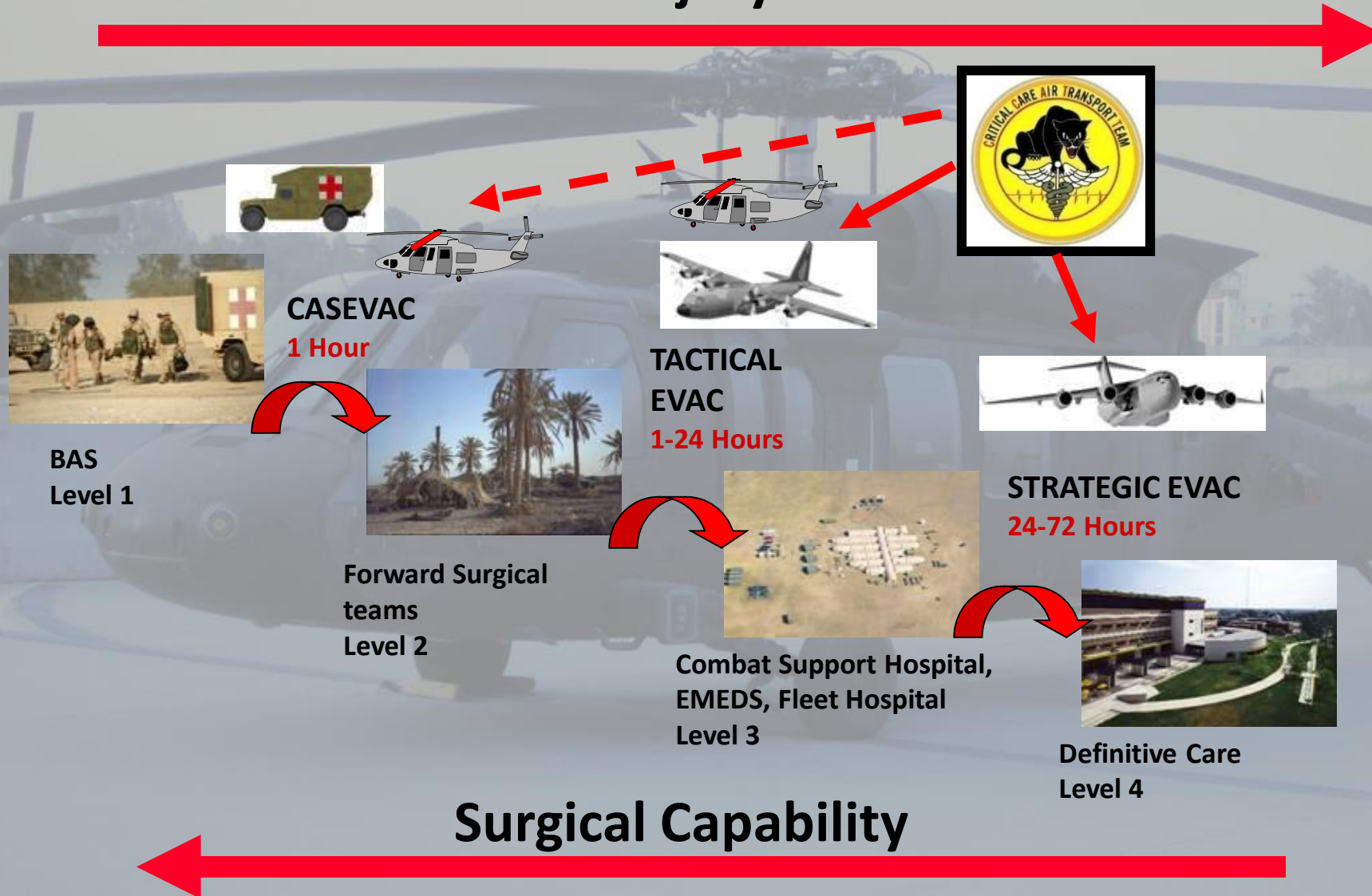


# Continuous (En Route) Care

## Current Route from Injury to Definitive Care



# Components of care

1. We learned well- are we static and (perhaps complacent) ?
2. We must not plan based upon the past
3. Lightweight/modular/mobile/core capabilities and Life Saving Interventions
4. I will try to make my case for the opportunities at hand

# Myths and stretches

- There is a Golden Hour  
(Hour, time span, opportunity, minute, day)
- The Myth of the Golden Hour is leveraging an enormous cost on the Medical Corps
- FACT- previous data has affirmed that 87% of our casualties die before reaching a Surgically capable facility
- We are smart enough to sort this out– but must not shrink from the opportunity to break a few paradigms and assumptions



## CASEVAC

### 1 Hour

## BAS Level 1

## Point of Injury

## En route Care/Transport

# Is this the Golden Hour

## TACTICAL EVAC

LSI  
surgery

advanced  
medical/surgical  
care

**Combat Support Hospital,  
EMEDS, Fleet Hospital  
Level 3**

LSI  
Airway

LSI  
Tension  
PTX

LSI  
Blood  
component(s)

LSI  
tourniquets

LSI  
Hemorrhage  
control

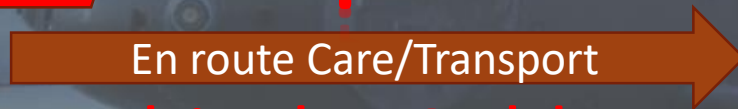
LSI  
LTOWB

## En route Care/Transport

## Definitive Care Level 4

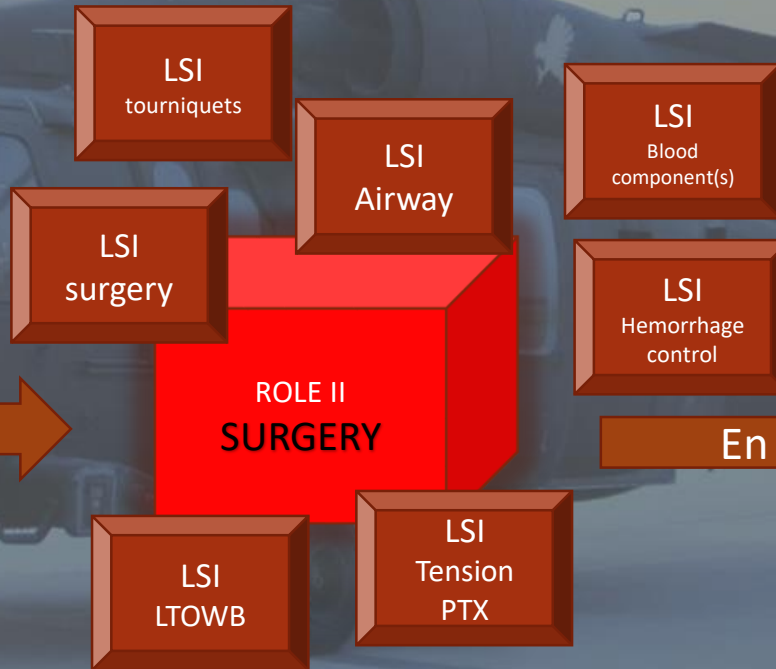
## Surgical Capability

# Let me explain- current theater



Is this the Golden Hour

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# Opportunity

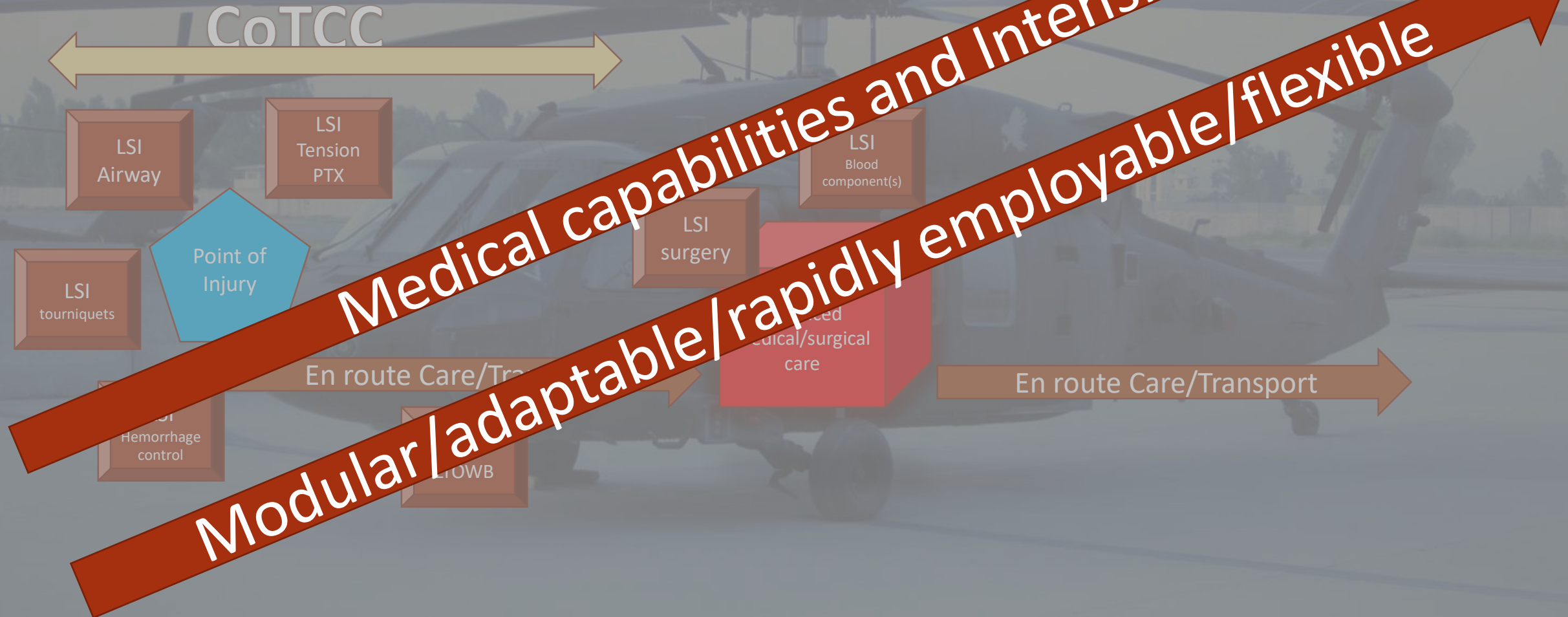
A black helicopter, likely a Black Hawk, is parked on a tarmac. The helicopter is viewed from a side-on perspective, showing its main rotor blades and tail. The background is slightly blurred, showing some trees and a fence.

- Future analysis of death(s) on the battlefield need to start afresh and abandon the “Golden Hour paradigm
- Analyze data on
  - Why
  - When
  - Where
- Example
  - Examine casualty data based upon if, and how many LSI’s were performed from POI onward
  - When and Where did they occur
  - When death occurs; how many LSI were performed
- Match these casualties who had LSI prior to arrival at Role II to those that did not
- Some LSI(s) may be anticipated to extend survival more than others

# The Golden Hour ---????????

## Or

### Time to Critical Capability





# Opportunity -

- We (care providers) must responsibly report these opportunities
- To do so requires data
  - Data acquisition is the Achilles heel of the DoDTR and our ability to analyze
  - < 50% of casualties have a CoTCCC card filed
  - The data quality of the DoDTR may be seriously wanting; not for lack of effort but as the result of the enormous challenges of collecting data in a combat zone
    - Care providers
    - Data capture (pencil and piece of paper) ? Seriously?
    - Data transmission
    - Data verification



# The Setting







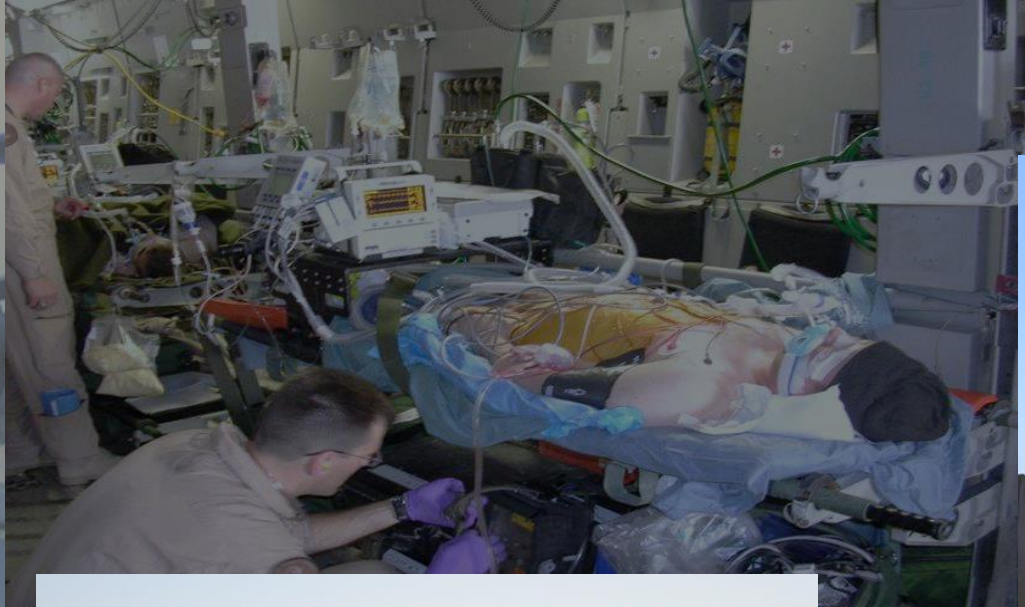


# Damage Control-extend the survival

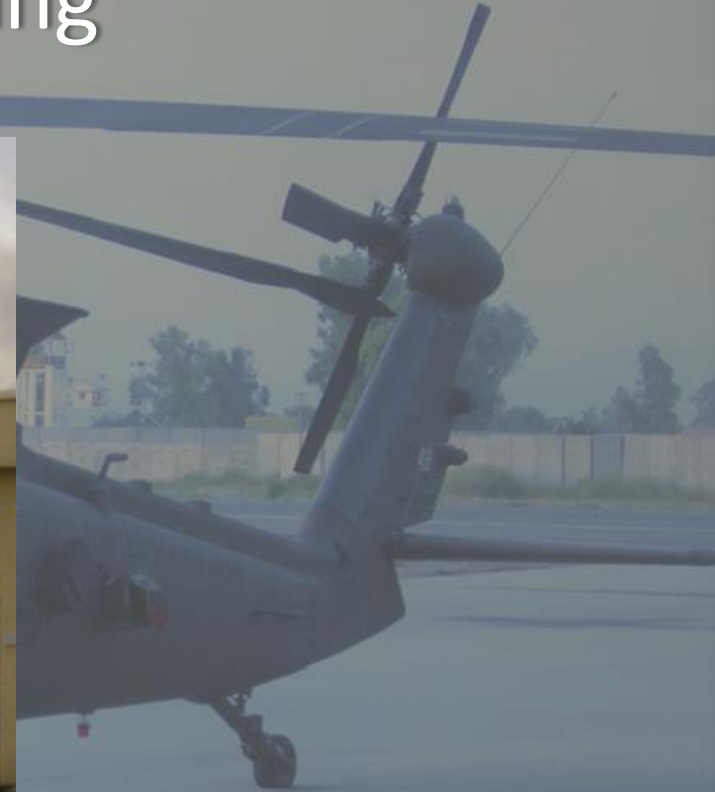




# By any means- Enroute Care



Role III – Incredibly capable, but often because of force of personality rather than sustained planning













Come on folks- help me here

If we can do it in a tent-----  
Surely, we can do it here in  
the US.



The VTC is an incredibly powerful tool





# CCATT= Enroute Care



# CCATT Teams

Intensivist Physician

Critical Care Nurse

Respiratory Therapist

6 patients/3 intubated

Mission duration 8-12 hours









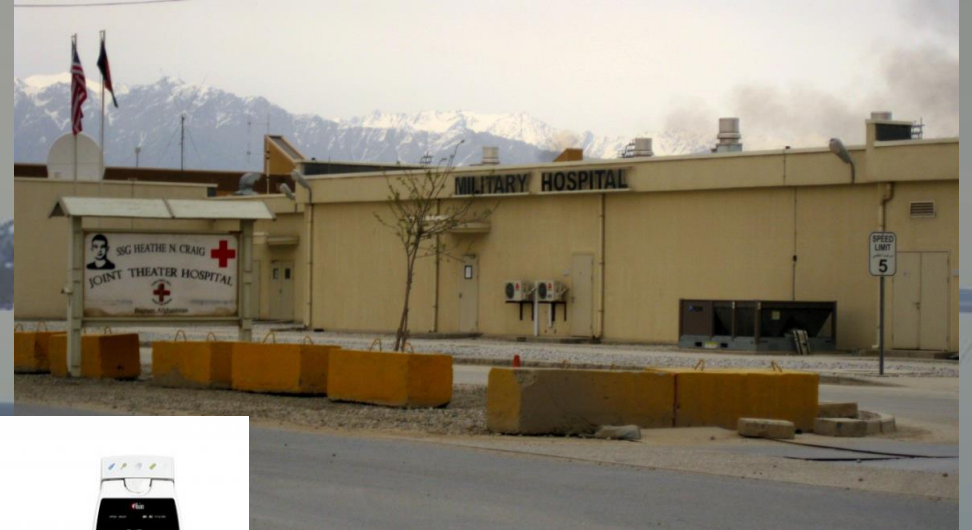
# What we don't know(data) – hurts them

OPPORTUNITY

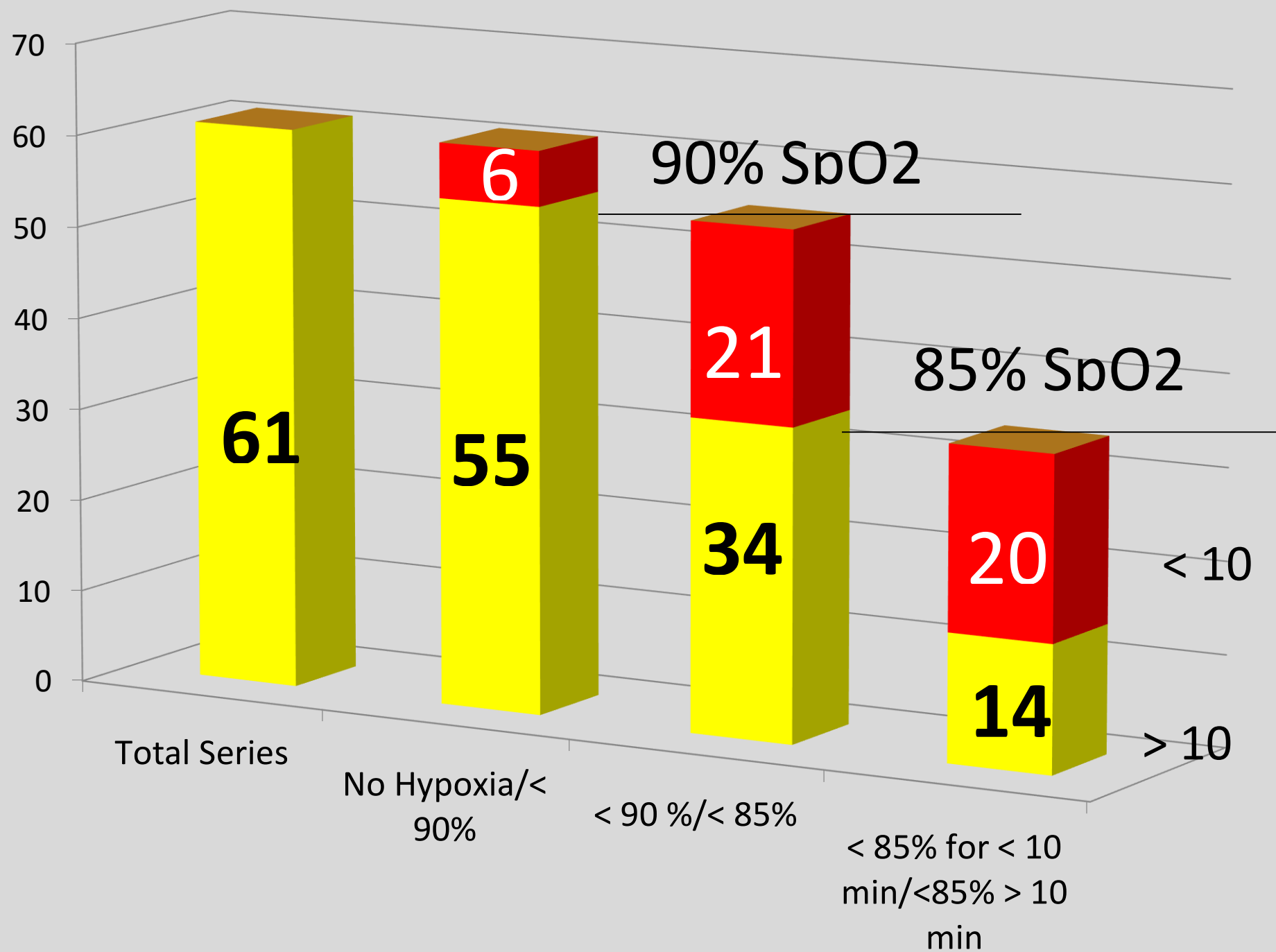
- In over 8,000 CCATT transports the reported incidence of hypoxia is  $< 1\%$
- That data comes from a 3899 report form filed by hand at the end of the mission
- What does a care provider do when hypoxia occurs– they fix it; they don't record it

# Scope of Study

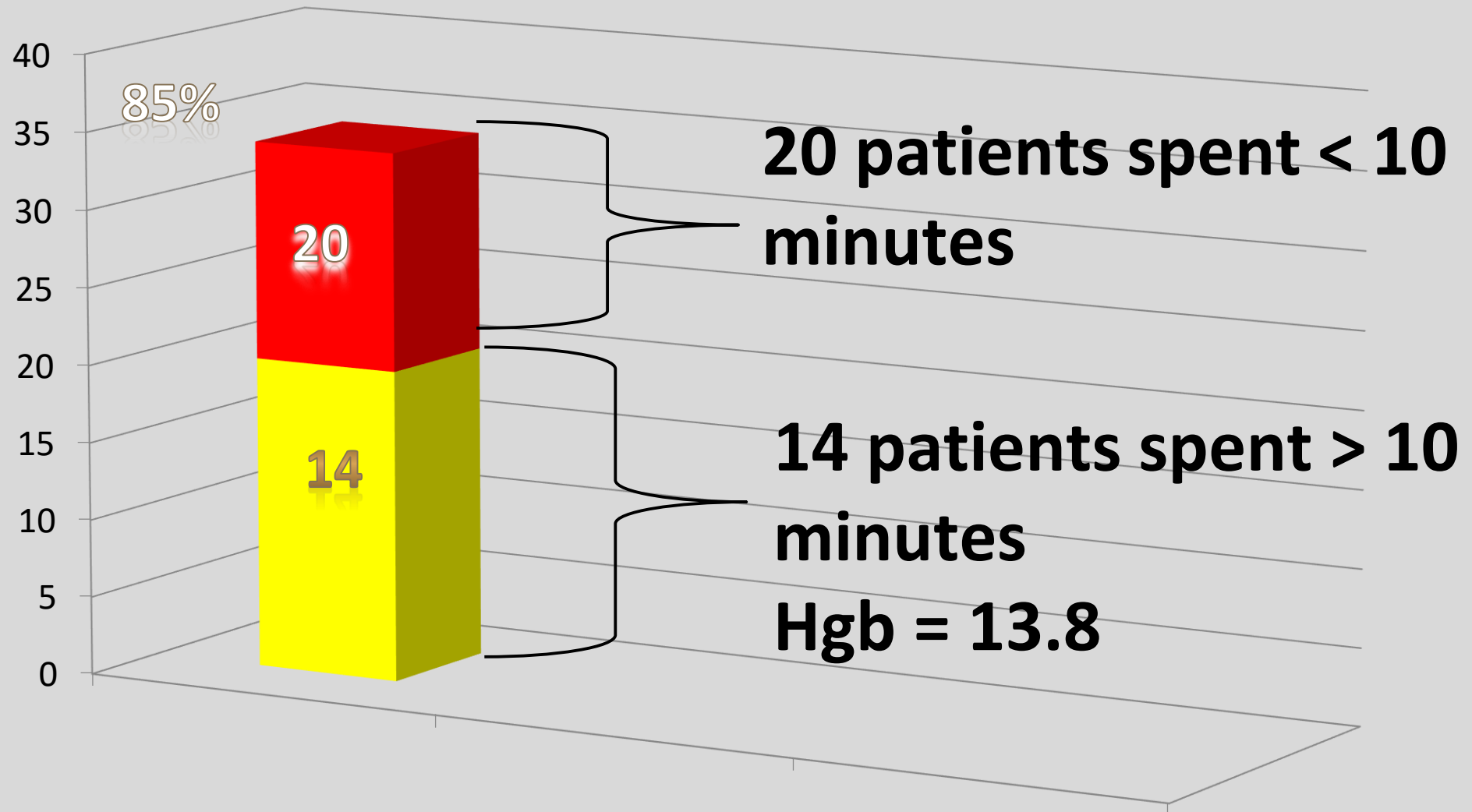
- Utilize Digital Oximetry to continuously monitor Oxygen saturation and Hgb during ERC transport from theater to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
- Observe patterns of oxygen saturation during transport and relation of Hgb to pulse rate
- Intentionally designed as a low risk protocol







All Patients < 85%





# Opportunities

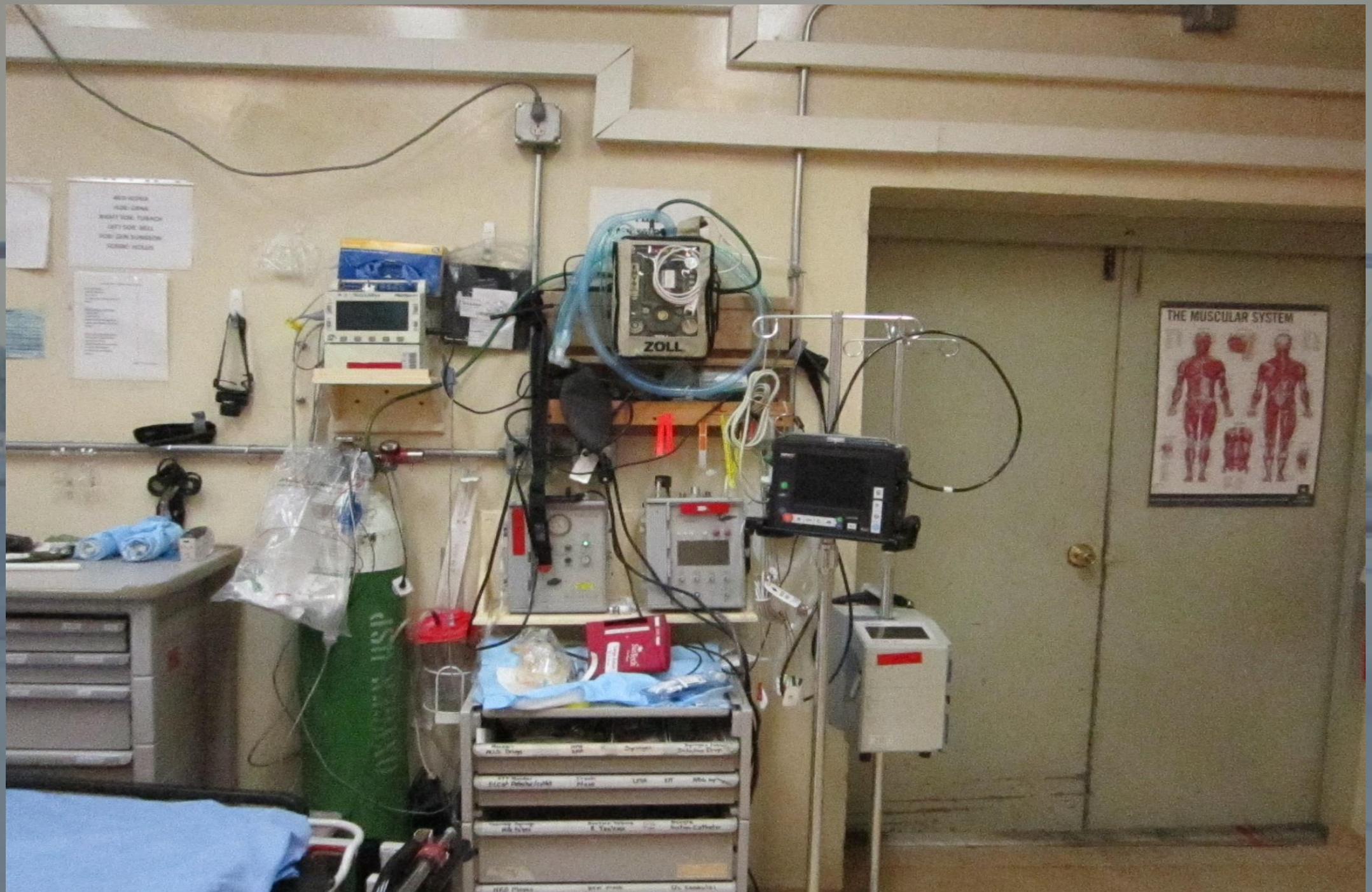
- Fix the disconnect between equipment acquisition and procurement
- Demand that all future equipment must.....
  - Continuously capture and forward transmit data
  - Be infinitely upgradeable rather than replaced
- My poor understanding is that we have two hurdles
  - Translating need to Medical logistics acquisition and not having them down select on the basis of cost
  - Fighting for money from the line who is deciding whether to buy bombs, bullets or tanks versus new medical equipment













# Which has better instrumentation?





The Challenge is there— will we let it slip ?



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# Summary

Data, continuously captured,  
retained and forwarded

Data that facilitates care in real time and  
then guides review and change in the form  
of a Registry

Continue to support and update and  
upgrade the Registry– it is our instrument  
panel

Break the paradigm and form of how  
we procure medical gear. Otherwise  
we will continue to do tomorrow's  
medicine, today, with yesterday's  
equipment