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The Faculty of Military Health Sciences of the University of Defence in Hradec Kralove is a centre of medical education and research in the Czech Army with long-term history in the Czech Republic. The military medical education began in Hradec Kralove in 1951. The school was established by an order of the President of the Republic as the Military Medical Academy, and later a honorary nickname of "Jan Evangelista Purkyne" was added. Later on, the name was changed to the Military Medical Research and Training Institute and in 1988 its original name was used again. In 2004, during professionalization of the army, reorganization of military education and establishment of the University of Defence, a new phase of the faculty entitled the Faculty of Military Health Sciences began. Since 2004 our faculty has been one of the three faculties at the University of Defence. Presently, the Faculty of Military Health Sciences plays a key role in military university education with the highest scientific contribution at the university. After merging with two other originally separated military faculties, we have created a viable and developing organism emphasizing strengths of its units. Each faculty covers variety of different tasks with limited staff and resources. Our role is not only to educate and train all medical, pharmaceutical and nursing specialists and to keep scientific excellence, but also to provide a general support to the Military Medical Service which is influenced by staff cuts and restructuring policy as well. Primarily, the Faculty provides study in one accredited bachelor`s study programme (Military Paramedic), three master`s study programmes (Military General Medicine, Military Dentistry, Military Pharmacy) and eight doctoral study programmes.

In spite of every year lower financial budget and personal reduction, we would like to continue and even to increase most of our activities. Our scientific production rate is the highest at the entire University of Defence. The Czech (Medical Service) field hospitals are well-known around the world and there are not so many similar good examples in our Military except military police and chemical troops. Our approach is different from the majority of other services. Our training is both long-term and intensive thus the students gain deeper knowledge and wider skills as well as awareness of military life. Education, training and research should be jointed and a pool of excellent professors, scientists and teachers should be created. But it is a long way to go. The Faculty of Military Health Sciences is an open body for mutual cooperation with scientists and teachers from all democratic countries. In spite of changing priorities in the Czech Military, we have been still dealing with specialization of the Czech Armed Forces in nuclear, biological and chemical protection and we have been engaged in many humanitarian and military deployments of military medical services abroad. Our Faculty will play the key role in this demanding process. We will
guarantee the research and fulfilment of training needs for medical corps, specialized forces and for some NATO countries. Nevertheless, our primary concern is to educate and train students and young physicians. This can be hardly possible without our closest partners, international workmates and friends.

At present, the Faculty covers the needs of troops concerning medical professional training in all specializations, medical informatics, science and research. The Faculty represents an optimal model of education for less populous medical specialities in close cooperation with Charles University in Hradec Kralove. The Faculty has educated a lot of specialists not only at a national, but also (at least) at European level. A lot of important positions prove it. These positions have been held by former and present faculty personnel in important international institutions from the NATO Surgeon General in Europe, through a membership in various NATO, EU, United Nations Security Council, and World Health Organization boards, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. The Faculty provides and solves a lot of research projects, it has its own complex laboratory technologies for scientific work, above all within the sphere of life force protection against NBC agents. The scientific results are published in many respected international journals such as the Lancet.

The very fact that the Faculty has survived all reforms, reorganization and other changes demonstrates its uniqueness, high educational, professional and research level. That could not be achieved without close cooperation with other scientific and educational workplaces. Not all universities can be proud of so close collegial relationship as we have with the Medical and Pharmaceutical Faculties of Charles University, the University of Hradec Kralove, the Faculty of Health Studies in Pardubice, the Faculty Hospital in Hradec Kralove and the Military Medical Agency. In 2012, the Central Military Hospital in Prague was declared the Military Faculty Hospital. This medical facility, with which we have cooperated very closely, creates a good background for military medical practice of our students. Personally, I value a cooperation with representatives of the city of Hradec Kralove, thanks to which the Faculty has an excellent reputation at city public. I am pleased that this collaboration continues.

I, as a new dean, appreciate my predecessors of the faculty management that they have sustained the tradition of highly educated military doctors and pharmacists. Being elected the FMHS dean I consider the apex of my medical and military career. It is an honour to get an opportunity to contribute from such a top position to military pre-graduate and post-graduate education within next several years.

Dean of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences  
COL Assoc. Prof. Jiří Páral, M.D., Ph.D.
INTRODUCTION

HISTORY

The Purkyně Military Medical Academy has been a long-term educational and scientific centre of the Czech Army Medical Service. There has been a very long history of systematic education of military medical personnel in our country. Its beginnings lie, as in many European countries, in the 18th century. Large, permanent armies were being built and the military medical service became a normal part of these armies. In 1776 the War Council of the Vienna Court issued an administrative order which definitely prohibited the employment of field surgeons in the armed forces who had not studied anatomy and who had not had their knowledge officially examined. This can be considered the beginning of organized education of military medical personnel in our country. Six-month courses were organized for field surgeons at the Garrison Hospital in Gumpendorf near Vienna.

The fundamental milestone in the “Austrian” stage was, however, in 1785 with the establishment of the Military Medical (Surgical) Academy named the Josephinum after its founder, the enlightened monarch and father of many political and social reforms, Emperor Joseph II. He saw the mission of the school as fulfilling these tasks:

- education of qualified military surgeons (physicians)
- creation of a learned society for research in medical science
- creation of a permanent field sanitary commission for solving questions concerning combat casualty care.

A number of renowned physicians of Czech origin significantly contributed to nearly 90 years of the school’s history.

The foundation of the independent Czechoslovak Republic in 1918 meant at the same time the creation of a democratic army. The basic element of career military physician training was represented by the Military Medical School. Its establishment was the result of a decision by the Czechoslovak Republic government which by its resolution of 25 June 1926 defined the principles of recruiting professional medical and pharmaceutical personnel to the army. The Military Medical School provided professional training for military physicians and further qualification growth for the performance of higher command functions in the military medical structure.

The development of the Czechoslovak Military Medical Service in our country was interrupted by the Second World War. When the army was disbanded a number of physicians and medical students participated in foreign and domestic resistance. The largest number of them were concentrated in England. The British government permitted medical students
to complete their studies at British universities. They graduated from Oxford University. The Czechoslovak Military Hospital was created at London Hammersmith Hospital. A few courses of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Reserve Officer School were taught in Leamington and Walton-on-the-Naze where the Czechoslovak Brigade´s out-patients´ department was situated. Thus, the tradition of the Czechoslovak military medical educational system maintained its continuity.

In 1945 the pre-war practice of recruiting professional personnel to the Military Medical Service was rebuilt. The Military Medical School in Prague was renowned. At the same time tendencies referring to the practice of some medical services of the world´s leading armies which required the establishment of an independent military medical university were increasing. The results of the Second World War and the growth of new knowledge in the field of medicine and especially military medicine played a significant role in this.

In 1951 a new period began in the development of the Czechoslovak military medical educational system. This period has been permanently connected with Hradec Králové for 55 years. Rapid establishment of the Military Medical Academy (MMA) was possible only due to the fact that it was built on the basis of being a theoretical and clinical part of the Faculty of Medicine – a branch of Charles University established in 1945. Thanks to the reputation of its workers, a majority of whom became employees of the MMA, the school became an educational and scientific centre of the Czechoslovak Medical Service and within a short time gained a good reputation both at home and abroad. The MMA has educated a number of outstanding military medical specialists and the first steps of several contemporary top specialists of Czechoslovak medicine were connected with its existence.

Beginning in 1958 and for the next 30 years the military medical system was transformed into the form of the Purkyně Military Medical Research and Postgraduate Institute. Research tasks and activities in the area of further schooling and specialization of military physicians and pharmacists became a fundamental part of its activity. The main portion of a further basic task of the school – the pregraduate training of future military physicians – was taken over by the renewed Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Hradec Králové. The development of mutual cooperation between these two partner schools, to which the Faculty of Pharmacy of Charles University in Hradec Králové joined in 1976 as a significant guarantee of the education of military pharmacists, has become a part of the military medical system.

In 1988 the school changed its name to the Purkyně Military Medical Academy which, institutionally, reflects more precisely the wide variety of its activities.

In November 1989, the school entered a qualitatively new period of development. It has passed through a transformation which has basically changed some military-professional teaching programmes, the organizational
structure of the school, personnel support, the composition of the educational staff and so on.

The Academy has been included in the new university educational system and since 1993 (origin of the Czech Republic) has served as a training centre for Czech Army medical professionals. It has trained nearly 2600 military surgeons, dentists, and pharmacists till now.

Some special activities have become a main part of the school’s activities. The humanitarian role of the Military Medical Service and the Military Medical Academy personnel in the present foci of conflicts in the world without doubt rank among them. As early as 1991 an independent Czechoslovak NBC battalion was sent to the Gulf. In 1994 a further tradition was established – regular operation of military medical personnel in peace-keeping missions in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. The 6th Field Hospital is known to the public for its operations abroad, first in the former Yugoslavia and later in Albania, and then in Turkey following the earthquake in that country. In 2002 members of the Czech Army Military Medical Service were employed in the ISAF mission in Afghanistan. From May to October it was the 6th Field Hospital. Then this mission was taken over by the 11th Field Hospital which completed its operations at the end of 2002. Professional training and personal acquaintance of both field hospitals personnel before their departure abroad has been traditionally carried out at the Purkyně Military Medical Academy.

Some employees of the Purkyně Military Medical Academy are representatives at international non-governmental institutions and in the positions of UN and NATO experts and advisers. The highest position within the NATO Allied Command Europe Medical Service was held by Brigadier-General Assoc. Prof. Leo Klein, M.D., CSc. He remained in this position until September 2002 when he completed his period of service. Since December 2002 he has been Surgeon General of the Czech Army Medical Service. He is known to the public for his work at the Department of Field Surgery at the Purkyně Military Medical Academy and at the Surgical Department of the Teaching Hospital in Hradec Králové.

COL Assoc. Prof. Roman Prymula, M.D., CSc., Ph.D. has been elected the new Rector of the Purkyně Military Medical Academy. He officially assumed this position on October 1, 2002.

The Academy continues to be a centre for integrated education and scientific research activity ensuring educational and research activities of all kinds and degrees for the training of military medical professionals. In the future its aim is to remain a modern university institution fully comparable with similar facilities and standards in other NATO countries.

The year 2003 was significant with regard to different opinions on the reform of the Czech Republic Armed Forces. The initially proposed conception was reevaluated in the wake of the reform of public finances which was enforced by the Government. Therefore financial sources were
redistributed and reduced. There were new efforts to establish an economic army structure. The Czech Republic Government Resolution no. 1154 of 12 November 2003 entitled “The Conception of the Professional Czech Republic Army Development and Mobilization of the Czech Republic Armed Forces Modified According to Financial Sources” has become the final document respecting NATO general interests.

Academy life was significantly affected by the mission of the Czech Republic Army 7th Field Hospital to Iraq. (The hospital followed with activities of the Czech Chemical Protection Contingent in Kuwait). Transport of soldiers and material began on 18 April 2003. Basra, in southern Iraq, was appointed the final destination. In September 2003 a personnel rotation was carried out and the hospital finished its activities in December 2003. Our Academy significantly supported the deployment of the 7th Field Hospital through its personnel, organizational activities, professional education and training.

One of the most important preconditions of transformation of the Czech Republic Army to the fully professional system, is a reorganization of military school system. In the year 2004, merital changes were done in this area. On the basis of amalgamation of the Military School of Ground Forces in Vyškov, the Military Academy in Brno and the Purkyně Military Medical Academy in Hradec Králové there was established the University of Defence in Brno. It comprises three faculties – the Faculty of Military Technology, the Faculty of Economics and Management, the Faculty of Military Health Sciences and three independent university institutes. Act No.214/2004 of the Code makes up the legal framework of a new legal subject which at the same time identified the date of establishing the University of Defence on 1 September 2004. Brig Gen Assoc. Prof. Ing. František Vojkovský, CSc. became the Rector of the University of Defence. The University of Defence was officially opened with a solemn inauguration on 8 October 2004.

After the transformation of the Purkyně Military Medical Faculty into the Faculty of Military Health Sciences (seated still in Hradec Králové), the basic functions and tasks of the school focused on a specialized training of the Czech Army medical officers and on research work in the area of military health service have been saved. However, number of school employees was cut down.

A new official name of our school is: University of Defence, Faculty of Military Health Sciences in Hradec Králové. A new dean of our school became the former rector of school COL Assoc. Prof. Roman Prymula, M.D., CSc., Ph.D., on the basis of new academic bodies’ voting.

In the year 2004, Czech Republic Army officers carried out their assignments of different forms in peacekeeping missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans. Members of our school were not missing. Specialists of the Department of Field Surgery played there a principal role. In the frame of joint operation of multinational forces in Iraq (MNF – Multinational Forces
Iraq) they fulfilled their tasks at special work places in British military hospital. Their assistance was highly and positively assessed.

During 2005 the process of establishing the new university subject – the University of Defence continued with solving the seat and the position of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences. The Faculty of Military Health Sciences received an important position in the supreme self-governing body of the university by electing COL Assoc. Prof. Jiří Kassa, M.D., CSc. as the Head of the Academic Senate of the University of Defence on 6 October 2005. He works as the Head of the Department of Toxicology and he is a chief specialist of the Czech Republic Army for toxicology.

The year 2006 was a jubilee year. The staff of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences of the University of Defence commemorated the 55th anniversary of the military medical school system in Hradec Králové and its eighty-year existence in the Czech Republic. This school is an irreplaceable centre of training and education of military health care professionals of all branches for the Army of the Czech Republic. The Faculty of Military Health Sciences of the University of Defence guarantees a good quality of the solved research tasks for the benefit of the military health service. High level of the scientific and research activity facilitated the establishment of scientific cooperation with NATO and EU partners.

The extent of school activities is very wide. The clinical departments provide the general public with the health care including special therapeutic activities. Military health care experts are involved in the integrated emergency system. The preparation of personnel for humanitarian and peacekeeping missions is implemented here. The school provides medical information service, experts reports and language teaching for the Army of the Czech Republic.

More information about the history and the present state of the military medical school system and the Faculty of Military Health Sciences of University of Defence is to be found in the publication “Military medical school system”, edition: Ministry of Defence, Avis, Prague 2006.

In 2007, intensive activity was typical for all aspects of school life. Let’s recall the most important: The Faculty of Military Health Sciences University of Defence participated in the preparation of Czech field hospital contingents (so far three of them have been sent out), which ensure the health support of ISAF mission in the region of Kabul in Afghanistan. Some medical specialists of the Faculty were directly fulfilling the mission assignments as members of the contingent: MAJ Michal Plodr, M.D., Ph.D. worked as head doctor of the hospital, MAJ Ivo Žvák, M.D. as head doctor of operating theatres, and MAJ. Jan Psutka, M.D. worked at the department of contemporary hospitalization. The main task of the field hospital is to provide professional health care for the wounded and sick during outside combat activities, as well as for their short-time hospitalization.
The public show of scientific and research results is traditionally an important part of school activities. The climax was the 7th Conference of the Association of Military Doctors, Pharmacists and Veterinary Doctors of the Czech Medical Society of Jan Evangelista Purkyně in October, and the 4th Conference Disaster Medicine and Traumatological Planning in November 2007. This year’s novelty was a competition for the best scientific student’s work in doctoral study programmes. The cooperation with foreign school and scientific partner institutions went on. In this context, the November visit from the Military Medical Academy Lyon, led by its new commander General Maurice Vergos, was a remarkable event.

At the end of the year, an important event in school organization happened: 10th December, COL Prof. Roman Prymula, M.D., Ph.D., was inaugurated Dean of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences. His clear election to the leading function is not only appreciation of his personal, managerial and professional qualities (it belongs to his triumph in March – obtaining the professorial diploma), but also of the stability and continuity of the place and role of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences.

Significant features of the activity of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence, were in the year 2008 the public acknowledgements which were attributed to the Faculty eminent research specialists. Already in February, Assoc. Prof. Jiří Bajgar, M.D., D.Sc. was awarded the Prize of the Rector of the University of Defence for his research work in 2007. The Scientific Council thus appreciated his extraordinarily large publishing and lecture activities, besides un-disregardable appraisement Assoc. Prof. Bajgar gained from the American Society of Toxicology, being awarded the prestige Astra Zeneca Award. The prize winner significantly contributed to clarification of the toxic effect mechanism of organo-phosphorous compounds and to the development of new prophylactic and therapeutic means against highly toxic nerve paralytic substances.

In May, the above mentioned feature of the activity of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence converted into a handover of two letters of appointment of new Czech Universities professors to two eminent workers of the Faculty. In renowned Prague Carolinum, the letters were accepted from the hands of the President of the Republic by LTC Assoc. Prof. Jan Österreicher, M.D., Ph.D. and Assoc. Prof. Jiří Stulík, M.D., Ph.D.

The Faculty workers confirmed repeatedly their both research and organizing capabilities. They became the organizers of many traditional presentations of scientific work. Large community of epidemiologists gathered at the end of May among others to worship the memory of the nestor and military specialist in the field of epidemiology, Professor Bohumil Ticháček, M.D., D.Sc. (1924–2006) by their active participation at a conference “Ticháček’s Days of Military Epidemiologists”. Similarly, in September the Faculty substantially participated in organizing the whole Republic Conference 4th Hradec Vaccinologists Days.
A number of talents has been revealed by presentation of students’ research work. Periodic Faculty round of research conference of students, who work mostly as scientific and teaching staff at the the Faculty Departments, took place at the end of September. CW2 Veronika Mikusová and CW2 Pavel Novotný obtained this year’s primacy. The postgraduate programme students presented their research results immediately afterwards. Works of authors CPT Karel Šmejkal, M.D., a student of postgraduate programme Military Surgery and LT Jiří Dresler, Doctor of Pharmacy, a student of postgraduate programme Molecular Pathology, were awarded the best.

The international cooperation of military medical schools has been among the traditional active forms of the school work. The visit of the delegation of the leadership of partnership school École du Service de Santé des Armées from Lyon, guided by GEN Francis Huet, School Deputy Commander, confirmed the trend of continuous cooperation.

At last but not least, the conference of the Association of Military Doctors, Pharmacists and Veterinary Doctors of the Czech Medical Society of Jan Evangelista Purkyně has become repeatedly much appraised specialist forums. This year’s 8th Conference content concerned mostly Disaster Medicine, Traumatology Planning and Training.

The date of the Conference, the last days of November, seemed to conclude symbolically the year of noticeable presentation and at the same time extraordinary acknowledgements of the Faculty research results.

CPT. Zdeněk Šubrt, M.D., Ph.D from the Department of Field Surgery, a graduate of doctoral study programme Military Surgery, was awarded the Prize of the Mayor of the Town Hradec Králové for students’ research work in 2009.

Prof. Aleš Macela, D.Sc. was awarded the Prize of the Rector of the University of Defence for scientific research in 2008, especially for excellent results in solving scientific projects in the sphere of protection against effects of extra dangerous biological agents.

In September 2009 the present Dean of the Faculty COL. Prof. Roman Prymula, M.D., PhD. became on the basis of selection procedure a director of the University Hospital in Hradec Králové. The Academic Senate elected LTC Assoc. Prof. Roman Chlíbek, M.D., Ph.D a new Dean of the Faculty. The Rector of the University of Defence appointed him as dean on 15th October 2009.

In the year 2010, Prof. Prymula was awarded as the first author of one of the best Elsevier’s publications in 2009 for the article: Prymula R., Siegrist C.A., Chlíbek R., Zemlickova H., Vackova M., Smetana J., Lommel P., Kaliskova E., Borys D., Schuerman L.: Effect of prophylactic paracetamol administration at time of vaccination on febrile reactions and antibody responses in children: two open-label, randomised controlled trials. Lancet. 2009, 374(9698):1339-50. Extraordinary high quality of this publication was
also confirmed by many other awards during the year 2010: 2009 Kredb’s Award for original scientific work and the best publication from the Czech Medical Association of J. E. Purkyne, 2010 prof. Karel Raska’s Award for the best scientific article published during 2009.

In the year 2011, Assoc. Prof. Kamil Kuca was awarded the Prize of the Rector of the University of Defence for scientific research in 2011, especially for excellent results in solving scientific projects in the sphere of protection against chemical warfare agents.

Prof Stulik’s project entitled Identification of novel Francisella tularensis targets for subunit vaccine development was supported by the Defence Threat Reduction Agency, USA for the years 2011–2014. This project is aimed at development of a subunit vaccine for tularemia. It is focused on (1) the identification of surface associated or secreted virulence factors from F. tularensis using immunoproteomic approaches (2) cloning and expression of these gene products, (3) confirming the role of the selected targets in virulence, and (4) assessing these proteins as protective antigens in animal models.

The Central Military Hospital in Prague became the faculty hospital for the Faculty of Military Health Sciences in 2012.

In January 2013, there was a change at the position of Vice-Dean for research. When Prof. Ing. Kamil Kuča, Ph.D. holding the position of Vice-Dean for research left the FMHS, Prof. MUDr. Pavel Boštík, Ph.D. replaced him.

In February 2013, scientists from the University of Defence, the Faculty of Military Health Sciences, from the University of Hradec Kralove and the Centre for Biomedical Research had the best poster presentation at 55th Czech-Slovak Psychopharmacological Conference held in Spa Jeseník. The project, the authors of which were Hroudová J., Fišar Z., Raboch J., Korábečný J., Kuča K., was entitled "In vitro effects of acetylcholinesterase inhibitors on monoaminooxidase and NADH-dehydrogenase activity".

In the beginning of May 2013 the Faculty hosted a visit of a Finnish group of CBRN experts and personnel from various branches involved in rapid response management of crises. Both sides presented their main interests during a seminar organized by our Faculty and the Finnish guests were given a tour of selected facilities. This was one of the examples of developing cooperation of European countries within the framework of the European Defence Agency.

In October 2013, the Rector-Commandant of the University of Defence Brigadier General Bohuslav Přikryl decorated LTC associate professor Zuzana Kročová with the University Medal for her exceptional efforts and long-term results achieved in her research work.
The year 2013 was the election year for the Faculty and the Senate. After 4 years it was time for the academic faculty and students to cast a vote for the Dean. In election, which was held in June, Col. Assoc. Prof. Jiří Páral, MD, Ph.D. received the majority of votes and became the new Dean in October 2013.
The Faculty of Military Health Sciences (FMHS) of the University of Defence in Hradec Králové is a centre of medical education, training and research of the Army of the Czech Republic. It entirely covers the needs of the troops concerning medical professional training in all specializations, medical informatics, science and research.

1. Education

The main aims of the FMHS in the field of education were as follows:

- to provide university-level studies in the subjects of military general medicine (6 years), stomatology, pharmacy (5 years), administration and management study (3 years), medical rescue (3 years)
- to provide postgraduate study for Ph.D. degree (4 years) in accredited disciplines:

  - Epidemiology
  - Field Internal Medicine
  - Field Surgery
  - Infectious Biology
  - Medical Microbiology
  - Military Hygiene
  - Military Radiobiology
  - Molecular Pathology
  - Toxicology
  - Preventive Medicine and Public Health Protection

According to the needs of the Surgeon General of the Czech Armed Forces and the Military Medical Service Administration, the Faculty ensures specialized and lifelong education of doctors, pharmacists and other military medical service personnel in specified branches of the Act No. 95/2004 of the Code about conditions of receiving professional qualification and specialized qualification to do a medical profession as a doctor, a stomatologist, and a pharmacist. It unifies the system of their training with requirements of EU.

The faculty organizes and provides the training for medical personnel in active service, doctors, nurses and other medical personnel. The faculty provides professional refresher courses for medical staff, non-medical staff and non-medical personnel of field medical units- hospital base and its units in selected up-to-date topics. It takes part in continued training of doctors and health care personnel, who are sent to missions abroad as well. Unique military know-how is attractive for people, who work out of the military health care sphere. The FMHS provides courses of advanced first aid in the field not only for Military Medical Service personnel but also for professional non-medical personnel of Military Police units, reconnaissance and special units within the frame of the Czech Armed Forces, Rapid Reaction Units of the Czech Republic Police and the others.
All soldiers assigned to include into foreign missions take part in extra courses of advanced first aid. Training of emergency life support in field conditions is required in medical personnel. The courses BATLS/BARTS (Battlefield Advanced Trauma Life Support) and BARTS (Battlefield Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and Skills) for doctors and nurses or health care personnel are enlarged on the problems of NBC protection and they become a significant standard not only for the whole medical service, but also for a lot of other specialists, who take part in foreign missions.

Other courses concentrate on teaching and training of comprehensive knowledge necessary for providing medical care within the frame of Disaster Medicine. The FMHS also provides other teaching and training activities determined by "The Plan of Courses and Professional Residencies Training of the Czech Armed Forces Medical Service" and "Notification of Director of Personal Section of the Ministry of Defence – Teaching Activities at Military schools and Training Facilities in the Czech Republic and Abroad". It participates in medical personnel training of medical and non-medical specializations under the methodical and professional leadership, in providing instructors for training of higher categories of medical personnel and in teaching instructors of lower medical specialists training.

2. Scientific and research work

The FMHS of the University of Defence provides and solves research tasks for the Czech Armed Forces Medical Service. Well assembled scientific teams focus on individual research tasks using state-of-the-art technologies. Within the Faculty, complex laboratory technologies for scientific work are utilized for scientific advancements, which lead to the improvement of life force protection against NBC agents. The high scientific level and the achieved results in scientific and research activities of present teams have enabled to start scientific cooperation with foreign partners. The FMHS is the only one in the Czech Republic who provides military research within the sphere of CBRNE issues in NATO and EU.

The high level capabilities and international recognition of the scientific teams form a solid base for scientific cooperation with partners in NATO countries, which is financed by the NATO and EU funds. Within the sphere of the science and research, the FMHS fulfilled strategic purposes of the Czech Armed Forces transformation by targeting the priorities of the Army (biological agents, chemical agents, military health care), furthermore it joined the appropriate institutions and organizational structures of NATO and EU countries (including drawing financial NATO and EU funds) and it gained some priority results in these critical areas. From the point of view of specialization and direction of the Czech Armed Forces, the departments of the FMHS solve medical issues of biological, chemical and radiation protection. Previous as well as contemporary scientific work within the studies focused on medical aspects of the effects of NBC agents...
the main focus of the “Centre of Advanced Studies”. This fully corresponds with set priorities in the field of scientific and research work of the Army of the Czech Republic. The military medical service organization and management, information systems, research activities of clinical and therapeutic preventive branches represent other important fields of scientific work.

Many invitations to international symposia and conferences as well as a number of publications prove that scientific knowledge is used in education. The FMHS personnel can publish achieved results in research work, therapeutic preventive activities and in educational activities in the journal Military Medical Science Letters – the oldest military specialized journal, which has been published since 1925. As of the last year, the journal is published fully in English. Together with professional scientific and pedagogical activities there are also results in lecture and publication areas. They are a part of evaluation, which is carried out annually. The faculty is successful in keeping a good level of publication activities in journals with impact factor and in other national and foreign journals. This fact enables relatively wide training activities in accredited doctoral study programmes.

Nowadays (Year 2013) the Faculty participates in 5 projects of Internal Grant Agency of the Ministry of Health, 3 projects of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, 5 projects of the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic, 1 project of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, 1 project of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, 2 projects of European structural funds and 1 foreign project (DTRA). The total sum of research grants represents the amount of 18,33 mil. Czech Crowns (approximately 907 000 USD).

Scientific, research and development activities in the field of medical support include prevention, diagnosis and treatment of sick and wounded. An integral part of this work is to improve the system of medical equipment administration and supply support.

Research and development is carried out at 9 departments (Epidemiology, Field Internal Medicine, Field Surgery, General and Emergency Medicine, Military Hygiene, Military Medical Service Organization, Public Health, Radiobiology, Toxicology) and in the Institute of Molecular Pathology, and the Centre of Advanced Studies.

In 2013, scientific work at the faculty departments, the Institute and the Centre was focused on CBRNE protection research, prevention in hygiene and epidemiology, topical problems of field surgery and field internal medicine, topical problems of organization, management, education and information science in the Military Medical Service.

The continuous accreditation for proceedings to achieve professorships for the branches of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine, Epidemiology, Medical Microbiology, Toxicology, Military Radiobiology, Field Internal Medicine,
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Infection Biology and Molecular Pathology and the accreditation for habilitation (associate professorship) in the branches of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology, Medical Microbiology, Toxicology, Field Surgery, Military Radiobiology, Field Internal Medicine, Infection Biology and Molecular Pathology gives the evidence about the excellent level of achieved results in scientific and research activities of FMHS. In 2013, there were 12 professors (prof.), 12 associate professors (doc.), 3 doctors of science (DrSc.), 62 persons with research degrees (CSc., Ph.D.) who carried out teaching and research tasks.

3. Therapeutic activities

Special therapeutic activities were provided especially at the departments of Field Internal Medicine, Field Surgery and General and Emergency Medicine. Close cooperation between these subjects and the health service establishments in the region were more and more developed. Therapeutic activities were provided, especially in the field of hematologic intensive care, traumatology, hepatobiliary surgery, and at the plastic surgery departments of internal medicine and surgery, at the Teaching Hospital.

4. International cooperation

The main aims of international cooperation of the FMHS were to exchange scientific, educational and therapeutic information and to develop working contacts between military medical, medical educational and research institutions of the NATO and EU countries as well as civilian medical institutions with educational, defence research and development programmes. Residency and exchange programmes for numerous students, doctors and research workers took place at those institutions.

As for study programmes, the Faculty keeps close relations with partner educational institutions above all in NATO and EU countries. Every year there are exchanges of not only students but also of pedagogical staff with the Military Medical Academy (ESSA) in Lyon in France, contacts in pedagogical sphere are kept with partner schools in Germany (Sanitätsakademie der Bundeswehr, Munich), the Military Medical Academy in Sofia, Bulgaria. In the past there were contacts with schools in Lódź (Poland) and Beograd (Serbia).

5. Expert activities

The membership in work groups for coordination and cooperation of military medical research and professional training at NATO (COMEDS, BIOMEDAC, RTA/RTO) and at EDA (European Defence Agency), in work groups of government experts for the Convention on the prohibition of biological, bacteriological, and chemical weapons and their destruction in Geneva and UNO, organizing scientific conferences with international participation, and solving foreign research projects under the cooperation

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of the FMHS personnel are very important for presentation of international cooperation results. At the FMHS there are conditions for foreign cooperation in medical research. The priority still remains in cooperation in the frame of the Human Factors Medicine of the NATO Research and Technology Organization and its work groups (TG, WG), cooperation in research projects with other foreign scientific institutions and participation in projects of 7th EU General Programme. Our aim is to intensify international cooperation in NATO focused on scientific support of the armed forces structure.

6. Scientific and educational information services

Scientific and educational information services that support the whole Medical Service of the Czech Republic Army were provided by the Department of Information and Communication Technologies. Numerous literature retrievals, courses, library and printing workshops and other information services support for students, teachers, scientists, postgraduates, doctors, nurses and other medical experts were carried out.

7. Foreign missions

The FMHS performed the preparation of health personnel for humanitarian and peacekeeping missions as in the preceding years. Within last years FMHS members took part in several foreign missions.
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- School Battalion

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In June 2013, the academic faculty and students took part in the election for the post of the Dean in June 2013. Col. Assoc. Prof. Jiří Páral, MD, Ph.D. was elected by a majority of votes and became the new Dean in October 2013.

Jiří Páral was born on 10 February 1968 in Svitavy, He achieved there his secondary school qualification. He graduated from Masaryk University, Faculty of Medicine in Brno and received the university degree.

After graduation, he worked for a short period for the Orthopaedic Department of the hospital in Litomyšl. He served at Pohořelice infirmary during his compulsory military service. In 1993 he began working for the Department of Surgery of the Faculty Hospital in Hradec Králové. In 2001 he was appointed a senior lecturer at the Department of War Surgery of the University of Defence, Faculty of Military Health Sciences in Hradec Králové, being later promoted to general surgery team leader and then to the department head positions. In 2008 he completed the postgraduate studies and acquired the PhD degree in military surgery. In 2012 he defended his advanced thesis to acquire assistant professor degree in military surgery. He was elected the Dean of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences of the University of Defence in 2013.


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Colonel Jiří Páral is the Czech Armed Forces’ chief surgeon. He has devoted most of his career to abdominal surgery, colorectal surgery and upper gastrointestinal tract surgery. The background of multinational mission deployments gives him ample experience in organ traumatology, emergency and urgent care medicine. He is the author of two and co-author of three scientific monographs, of a number of lectures presented in and beyond the Czech Republic and of articles published in national and international reviewed journals.

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Centre of Advanced Studies is an integral part of Faculty of Military Health Sciences of University of Defence, Czech Republic. The main task of the Centre is the transfer, utilization, and dissemination of advanced
technologies for biomedical defence research and research related to the prophylaxis and pathogenesis of dangerous infectious diseases. Research projects performed at the Centre are funded by both the Ministry of Defence and various national and international grant agencies. The biological labs of BSL2 and BSL3 category and chemical lab for the analyses of highly toxic chemicals are available for research on both highly pathogenic microorganisms and highly toxic substances. The team of the Centre utilizes and develops up-to-date technologies in all three areas of interest – Biological, Chemical and Radiological. Among them are technologies for histochemistry, immunohistochemistry, laser microdissection, fluorescence microscopy, proteomic technologies including isolation and proteomic analysis of total membrane proteins and lipid-raft associated proteins, genomic technologies oriented to qRT-PCR applications, gene reporter assays, genomic manipulation of bacteria, virus identification and typization assays, technologies for the qualitative and quantitative analyses of antidotes and chemical warfare agents in biological samples using different HPLC techniques, methods for determination of oxidative stress, construction of biosensors, in vitro testing of quaternary and non-quaternary inhibitors of enzyme acetyl cholinesterase, cytotoxicity evaluation of new compounds, and finally microbiological technologies needed for screening of functional properties of bacterial mutants (proliferation assays and protective tests).

CBRN programmes in 2012 follow the long-lasting research strategy of the Centre. B-agent programme involves several topics aimed at management of biological crises, modelling & risk assessment, (immuno) prophylaxis of infections, immunopathogenesis of viral diseases, such as HIV and herpetic viruses, and certain biological agents (Francisella tularensis). In addition, new projects focus on the development of prophylactic means utilizing nanotechnologies in the areas of virus induced diseases in immunosuppressed organisms (e.g. by radiation). C-agent programme is focused on development of new prophylactic and therapeutic antidotes and toxic agent scavengers utilizing the methodology of 3D in silico modelling and simulation of bio-molecular three- and four-dimensional structures and inter-molecular interactions. RN-agent programme encompassing the problems of molecular markers of ionizing radiation injury is divided into biodosimetry and diagnosis and therapy of ionizing irradiation syndromes.

New international contacts have been established with several European and US military and civilian research institutions. Moreover, the broad-based collaboration under the umbrella of European Defence Agency started to be the indispensable tool for reinforcement of scientific collaboration inside the European Union. Collaboration with partners is supported by two-side or multilateral projects. During short time of its existence the Centre of Advanced Studies thus achieves all attributes of fully consolidated scientific centre collaborating with substantial number of prominent European scientific institutions.
Correlation of expression of KIR alleles in NK cells in GALT and disease progression in SIV non-human primate model of AIDS

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The HIV infection in humans leads to AIDS, a deadly disease, which targets predominantly cells of the immune system. It has recently become clear that also the innate immune cells, such as NK cells play an important role in the response to the virus, especially in the acute phase, which dictates the subsequent course of the disease. The activation and inhibition processes that are in part tied to an expression of certain variants of the Killer-Ig-like receptors (KIRs) on these cells were shown to be associated with distinct outcomes of HIV disease. The aim of this project is to characterize the expression of KIR variants on NK cells in the gut associated lymphoid tissue in SIV infected rhesus macaques (RM), the only available model of human AIDS, and their correlation to the course of AIDS in RM. In addition, monoclonal antibodies against these variants, will be developed as new reagents. These data will further our knowledge of AIDS pathogenesis and may help in the subsequent vaccine design.

Determination of apoptosis in the bioptic samples taken from the colon

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Apoptosis of colonic epithelial cells is of a very low degree in healthy humans. Factors, which influence (increase) apoptosis, have not been satisfactorily explained yet. Not only primary disease itself (inflammatory bowel disease, adenoma, carcinoma), but also luminal pH and pH of the mucosa, different expression of blood group antigens, alteration of mucosal prostaglandines and S100 proteins, microbial population, nutrition etc. may play a role in apoptosis. The project will use advanced endoscopic methods, most modern possibilities of apoptosis determination in the bioptic samples (taken during colonoscopy), direct measurement of mucosal pH and bacteriocinogenotypization.
Improvement of vaccination efficacy by cholinergic anti-inflammatory pathway

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Supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, 2011–2014 (Project No.: LH11023)

Cholinergic antiinflammatory pathway (CAP) is an important tool of regulation of innate immune responses mediated by the parasympathetic nervous system. The project is aimed at evaluating the performance of drugs affecting CAP as vaccine adjuvans. The primary hypothesis is that a suppression of CAP can potentiate the vaccination efficacy. Compound HI-6 inhibiting blood acetylcholinesterase will be tested for control purposes in comparison to drugs triggering CAP. The project will cover the following aspects: in vitro tests of drug effects, examination of effects of tested drugs on immune system alone and co-application of tested drugs with commercially available vaccine in comparison to the effect of the vaccine alone in vivo in small laboratory animals. Basic immunochemical parameters such as immunoglobulin isotypes M and G, interleukins 2, 4 and 6 and selected biochemical parameters will be assessed. The expected results of project will be improvement of vaccines efficacy and better characterization of CAP as target of the selected drugs.

Neurobehavioral evaluation of potential Alzheimer`s disease drugs

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The permanent increasing incidence of Alzheimer`s disease represents a worldwide problem that can be partly solved by introducing more effective drugs. The aim of the study is to characterize the effects of newly developed acetylcholinesterase inhibitors with better pharmacodynamic features derived from the model drug 7-methoxytacrine on nervous functions and especially cognitive functions. The effects of drugs will be evaluated in laboratory rats with the deficiency of cognitive functions induced by administration of 3-chinuclidinylbenzilate. The effects of newly developed drugs will be evaluated by functional observational battery and the potency to eliminate or reduce the deficiency of cognitive functions by special neurobehavioral methods oriented on memory and learning. The effects of new drugs on nervous functions and their potency to eliminate the deficiency of cognitive functions will be compared to the effects of a model drug and standard therapeutics (tacrine, donepezil, rivastigmine). Proposed study can contribute to the increase of the effectiveness of the treatment of Alzheimer`s disease.
New technologies for identification and typing of biological agents
Kročová, Z., Boštík, P., Hanovcová, I., Jun, D., Macela, A.
Supported by the Czech Republic Ministry of Internal Affairs, 2012–2015 (Project No.: VF20122015024)

The aim of the project is to develop the methodological procedures for the isolation of bacterial and viral nucleic acids and protein and no-protein toxins from natural matrices, and the procedures for their identification and typing. In the case of bacteria and viruses are designed following the methodological procedures and specific technological and laboratory units: the acquisition and cultivation of biological agents, isolation of genome and plasmid DNA, or RNA in the case of a virus, the methodology and procedures for the preparation of samples of bacterial and viral nucleic acids from complex matrices, design of qPCR primers, probes and the reaction conditions and testing and validation of the proposed methods and procedures for the identification of biological agents. For the detection of low molecular weight toxins will be used high performance liquid chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry and for detection and identification of protein toxins will be used mass spectrometric method SRM (Selected reaction monitoring).

Novel inhibitors of acetylcholinesterase derived from 7-MEOTA – potential Alzheimer´s disease drugs
Kuča, K., Řípová, D.
Supported by the Czech Republic Grant Agency, 2011–2015 (Project No.: GAP303/11/1907)

Worldwide incidence of AD was evaluated to 35 million of people in 2009. The amount of AD patients in 2050 was estimated to 110 million. The most important factor influencing the increasing amount of AD patients is the age of population (particularly European is rapidly ageing). Thus, the AD is becoming a priority of public health care and there is demand for novel drugs suitable for its treatment. The main aim of this project consist in synthesis and evaluation of novel acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors derived from 7-MEOTA as potential AD drugs. Synthesized AChE inhibitors will be tested using experimental batery consisting of molecular modelling, biochemical evaluation of AChE inhibitors, antioxidant evaluation of novel drugs, Interactions with muscarinic/nicotinic receptors and choline transporters, in vitro prediction of blood-brain barrier penetration, determination of acute toxicity of selected AChE inhibitors, evaluation of plasmatic levels after experimental administration, evaluation of novel AChE inhibitors in CNS. Based on the appropriately-managed testing system of novel AChE inhibitors, suitable candidate will be selected and recommended for further preclinical trial.
Preparation and biological evaluation of new therapeutics against pesticides
Kuča, K., Žďárová Karasová, J., Pohanka, M., Jun, D.
Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2011–2014 (Project No.: NT12062)

The main aim of this project is to search for new and convenient therapeutics that will be more effective in therapy of pesticide poisoning (pesticides are commonly used organophosphate inhibitors of cholinesterases). New structures will be determined by using highly sophisticated methodology: molecular design. Predicted structures and their analogues will be synthesized. Their therapeutic potency will be tested in in vitro studies. The acetylcholinesterase reactivators with the highest reactivation potency will be chosen into in vivo tests. During this development process other important data such as LD50 of newly synthesized therapeutics, biochemical studies and pharmacokinetics studies (distribution of newly prepared therapeutics and their ability to penetrate through the blood-brain barrier into central nervous system) will be also replenished. If some effective candidates will be found, subsequent cooperation with foreign institutes is presumed.

The role of virus associated cellular proteins in T-lymphocyte dysfunction
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Herpetic viruses, such as VZV, and lentiviruses, such as HIV or SIV, are enveloped viruses, which infect CD4 T cells and cause transient (VZV) or progressive (SIV) dysregulation of T cell function. This effect is mainly indirect, as the fraction of infected cells is small, but the dysregulatory effect is observed in much larger cell population. These viruses incorporate host-derived proteins into their envelopes during the process of virus maturation and these proteins can either retain their function or engage their receptors and subsequently initiate intracellular signaling. This can be mediated by Akt-GSK3 pathway and PGE metabolism, leading to T cell dysfunction and apoptosis. This proposal utilizes state-of-the-art proteomic approach to identification of host cell proteins incorporated into the SIV and VZV virions. The role of these host cell proteins will be subsequently investigated in their effects on CD4 T cell signaling cascades and can therefore lead to the elucidation of mechanisms involved in CD4 T cell dysfunction and death in such diseases as chickenpox and AIDS.
Whole varicella-zoster virus (VZV) genome sequencing of individual wild type and vaccine strains using GS Junior Benchtop System
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Supported by the Roche co., 2010–2014 (Project No.: VZV)

Varicella-zoster virus (VZV) is a highly infectious herpesvirus that affects up of the 90 % of human population. VZV causes chickenpox (varicella) predominantly in childhood and shingles (herpes zoster) in middle to old age people. While VZV usually causes relatively mild disease in healthy individuals, VZV still causes significant morbidity in children and adults. VZV causes life-threatening disease in immunocompromised individuals such as patients who are elderly or have HIV disease. Herpes zoster affects many elderly individuals and a major complication is prolonged severe pain or post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), both severely debilitating.

The epidemiology of VZV varies geographically. We use a novel strategy for VZV genotyping based on sequencing using DNA amplified from clinical samples. Using this method, more than 400 strains isolated in Czech Republic sorted into discrete geographically distributed genotypes. Recently we continue work on the improvement of the method and we try to find more genotypes in the individual groups.

The second part of study yield important data of genetic diversity of VZV in Czech Republic, which will play an important role in further understanding of epidemiology and evolution of the virus, and may in future serve as a tool for genetic prediction of virus pathogenicity or resistance development. Previous data from several laboratories, predominantly in the US and UK, indicate a specific geographic distribution of these strains as well as their potential propensity for recombination with other wild type (wt) or vaccine strains. New pyrosequencing method using GS Junior Benchtop System of whole VZV genomes further refined the phylogenetic distinctions between SNP genotypes. The new data will bring more light to widespread surveillance in countries in which the varicella vaccine is now in use.
The Department of communication and information systems provides the top quality information service to ensure efficient scientific, research and teaching activities for teaching and research staff as well as under- and postgraduate students of our faculty.

The Department of communication and information systems consists of the group of computer applications and the library of faculty.

The group of computer applications provides the operation of the faculty network, enables access to army, specialized and public information systems and supplies the needs of the Faculty with modern information technologies. Main activity of the group is ensuring the access to INTERNET and to specialized information systems. Management of data network, central management of software, servicing as well as specialized support of users is also provided.

Part of this group are also graphic services that create graphic documents and posters for presentations, make arrangements and changes of drafts for printing, make digital pictures and do other associated work. It also provides the operating and updating of the web site of the Faculty (http://www.pmfhk.cz).

The printing-office of the Department of communication and information systems is able to cover reprographic and printing needs of the Faculty by its own sources in limited extent.
The library provides students, research and teaching staff of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences and members of the Czech Army Medical Service with scientific and information services. The main information services are provided by the library with 85 000 library units concerning medicine as well as associated branches. Information sources in the field of military medicine, emergency medicine and disaster medicine are specificity of this library. The library enables access to various information databases (WoK, ScienceDirect, SCOPUS, SpringerLink, BiblioMedica, etc.) and provides systematic help when being used.

The group participates in teaching activities in the doctoral study programmes and scientific education (Ph.D.) by giving lectures in Basics of Informatics focused on retrievals, processing and publication of scientific information. It also takes part in undergraduate programme in military rescue workers.
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The Department of Epidemiology as the basic educational and research component of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences (FMHS) is divided into two groups: the epidemiology group and the microbiology, disinfection, dissection and rodent control group.

The Department of Epidemiology has fulfilled the following main tasks:

It has provided undergraduate education at the FMHS and at the civilian Medical Faculty of Charles University in Hradec Králové, as well as postgraduate training and postgraduate doctoral studies. The teaching activities have been particularly aimed at general and special epidemiology with respect to the topical situation in the Czech Army and in the Czech Republic. The topics of "Emerging and Reemerging, Infectious Diseases", "Travel Medicine" and "Dangerous Pathogens" have also been emphasized. Doctoral study programmes (Ph.D. – epidemiology and medical microbiology) are certified by the Czech Governmental Commission. Since 1997, more than 30 students have finished their Ph.D. studies.

The Department of Epidemiology plays an important role in education, training and consultancy related to biological threats/weapons and preventive medicine.

The members of the department participate in training and education of medical and other personnel dispatched in military peacekeeping and humanitarian missions abroad. The aim is to inform them about any health risks during staying abroad, especially about prevention of infectious diseases, possibilities of vaccination or chemoprophylaxis. They also provide both consultancy service prior to the departure abroad and a practical realization of the respective measures. The Department of Epidemiology provides an epidemiological service for the Field Hospitals of the Czech Army.

Research activities have concerned clinical evaluation of the new vaccines like pneumoccocal vaccines, herpes zoster vaccines, Human Papiloma Virus vaccines, rotavirus vaccines, new adjuvanted vaccines against viral hepatitis B, Lyme disease vaccines, combined hepatitis B and typhoid fever vaccines, flu vaccines, meningoccoccal B vaccines or new vaccination schedules.

Members of the department are members of different Czech journals editorial boards (e.g. “Epidemiologie, mikrobiologie a imunologie” – Prof. Splino, Military Medical Science Letters – Prof. Chlibek), and they work...
as reviewers of international journals (Vaccine, Lancet Infectious Disease). Some of them work in a number of committees and boards: Vice-chairman of Czech Immunization Committee of the Ministry of Health (Prof. Chlibek), or European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Prof. Prymula, Prof. Chlibek), or Central European Vaccination Awareness Group-CEVAG (Prof. Prymula, Prof. Chlibek). Prof. Splino and Ass. Prof. Bostikova had opportunity to serve as members for Advisory Board for the Investigation and Control of Influenza and Other Epidemic Disease and Section for Control and Development of Diagnostics Laboratory Methods of CDC.

Members of the department are also members of NATO working groups and advisory committees for biological threats and weapons (BIOMEDAC – Biological Medical Advisory Committee – Prof. Chlibek) and NATO-Research&Technology Organisation (Prof. Chlibek).

Disinfection, disinsection and rodent control are very important parts of the medical practice in the Czech Army. This department is the only one of its kind in the Czech Army for the assessment of the antimicrobial efficacy of disinfectants.

The researchers of the microbiology group have also solved questions concerning the prevention of endogenous and exogenous infections in immunocompromised patients.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

A phase III, randomized, observer-blind, placebo controlled, multicentre, clinical vaccination trial to assess the prophylactic efficacy, safety and immunogenicity of GSK Biologicals’ herpes zoster gE/AS01B vaccine when administered intramuscularly on a 0, 2-month schedule in adults aged 70 years and older

Chlíbek, R., Kalíšková, E., Smetana, J., Ditě, P., Gál, P., Vokurková, D.

Supported by the GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals co., 2010–2015 (Project No.: 113077 (ZOSTER-022))

A phase III, randomized, observer-blind, placebo controlled, multicentre, clinical vaccination trial to assess the prophylactic efficacy, safety and immunogenicity of GSK Biologicals’ herpes zoster gE/AS01B vaccine when administered intramuscularly on a 0, 2-month schedule in adults aged 70 years and older. Chlíbek, R., Smetana, J., Gál, P., Ditě, P., Kalíšková, E., Vokurková, D. Supported by the GSK, 2010–2015 (Project No.: 113077 (ZOSTER-022) Study ZOSTER-022 will provide data on the vaccine efficacy in prevention of herpes zoster (HZ) and Postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) compared to placebo in adults ≥ 70 YOA. The ZOSTER-022 study will enrol subjects in the age ranges 70-79 YOA and ≥ 80 YOA in a 3:1 ratio.
A phase III, randomized, observer-blind, placebo-controlled, multicentre, clinical vaccination trial to assess the prophylactic efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity of GSK Biologicals’ herpes zoster gE/AS01B vaccine when administered intramuscularly on a 0, 2-month schedule in adults aged 50 years and older

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Supported by the GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals co., 2010–2015 (Project No.: 110390 (ZOSTER-006))

Study ZOSTER-006 will provide pivotal data on the overall efficacy in prevention of herpes zoster (HZ) in subjects ≥ 50 YOA. The primary endpoint of this study will be overall HZ vaccine efficacy (VE) across all age cohorts. To this end, ZOSTER-006 will evaluate VE of the gE/AS01B vaccine compared to placebo in reducing the risk of developing HZ in subjects ≥ 50 YOA. This study will enrol subjects in the age ranges 50-59 YOA, 60-69 YOA, 70-79 YOA and ≥ 80 YOA.

A phase 3, open label, multi-center, extension study to assess antibody persistence and response to a third dose of Novartis meningococcal B recombinant vaccine in 4-year-old children who previously participated in study V72P12E1

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Supported by the Novartis, 2012–2013 (Project No.: V72P12E2, EUDRACT No 2011-004931-30)

The main aim of the study is to explore the bactericidal antinody persistence in 4-year-old children after a fourth dose boost of rMenB+OMV NZ given at 12, 18, or 24 months of age or after a two-dose catch-up schedule of rMenB+OMV NZ administered at either 12 and 14, 18 and 20, or 24 and 26 months of age in study V72P12E1. Safety objectives are to assess the safety and tolerability of a third/fifth dose boost of vaccine or two catch-up doses administered 2 months apart to naïve 4-year-old children. Immunogenicity objectives are to explore antibody persistence after a fourth dose boost of the vaccine administered at either 12, 18, or 24 months of age in toddlers who previously received a three-dose primary series of rMenB+OMV NZ as infants (at 2, 3, 4 or 2, 4, 6 months of age).

An open, phase II long term extension study to evaluate the immune responses to and safety of GSK Biologicals’ candidate herpes zoster vaccine (gE/AS01B) at Months 48, 60 and 72 post-vaccination in healthy subjects aged 60 years of age and older

Chlíbek, R., Smetana, J., Kalíšková, E.

Supported by the GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals co., 2011–2013 (Project No.: 114825, Zoster-024)

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The purpose of this long-term follow-up study (ZOSTER-024) is to evaluate the immune responses of subjects who previously participated in study ZOSTER-003. Long term safety of the study vaccine administered in ZOSTER-003 will also be evaluated.

**Correlation of expression of KIR alleles in NK cells in GALT and disease progression in SIV non-human primate model of AIDS**

Boštík, P., Boštíková, V.

Supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, 2011–2014 (Project No.: LH11019)

The HIV infection in humans leads to AIDS, a deadly disease, which targets predominantly cells of the immune system. It has recently become clear that also the innate immune cells, such as NK cells play an important role in the response to the virus, especially in the acute phase, which dictates the subsequent course of the disease. The activation and inhibition processes that are in part tied to an expression of certain variants of the Killer-Ig-like receptors (KIRs) on these cells were shown to be associated with distinct outcomes of HIV disease. The aim of this project is to characterize the expression of KIR variants on NK cells in the gut associated lymphoid tissue in SIV infected rhesus macaques (RM), the only available model of human AIDS, and their correlation to the course of AIDS in RM. In addition, monoclonal antibodies against these variants, will be developed as new reagents. These data will further our knowledge of AIDS pathogenesis and may help in the subsequent vaccine design.

**Epidemiological observational prospective cohort study to evaluate the sero-prevalence of Bordetella pertussis in adults in the Czech Republic**

Chlíbek, R., Smetana, J.

Supported by the GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals co., 2011–2013 (Project No.: 115790 EPI-Pertussis)

Pertussis in adolescents and adults is common, endemic and epidemic and its incidence is reportedly increasing. Adolescents and adults are the groups most commonly infected with pertussis and are the major source of contagion to infants and young children. This population based study could give an evidence to define new strategies to prevent pertussis in adults and to support the need to include aP booster in adults. The main aim of the study is to determine sero-prevalence of Bordetella pertussis infections in adults in the Czech Republic. The secondary objectives are to determine the age specific sero-prevalence of high antibody titres to Bordetella pertussis in individual age cohorts: 18–29 years of age, 30–44 years of age, 45–59 years of age and 60+ , to describe the differences in age, sex, history of a contact with pertussis, history of long –lasting cough, history of medication and hospitalization due to respiratory infections in previous 12 years.
months, history of pertussis vaccination status and to identify the subjects with asymptomatic pertussis in previous 12 months.

**New technologies for identification and typing of biological agents**

Kročová, Z., Boštík, P., Hanovcová, I., Jun, D., Macela, A.

Supported by the Czech Republic Ministry of Internal Affairs, 2012–2015 (Project No.: VF20122015024)

The aim of the project is to develop the methodological procedures for the isolation of bacterial and viral nucleic acids and protein and no-protein toxins from natural matrices, and the procedures for their identification and typing. In the case of bacteria and viruses are designed following the methodological procedures and specific technological and laboratory units: the acquisition and cultivation of biological agents, isolation of genome and plasmid DNA, or RNA in the case of a virus, the methodology and procedures for the preparation of samples of bacterial and viral nucleic acids from complex matrices, design of qPCR primers, probes and the reaction conditions and testing and validation of the proposed methods and procedures for the identification of biological agents. For the detection of low molecular weight toxins will be used high performance liquid chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry and for detection and identification of protein toxins will be used mass spectrometric method SRM (Selected reaction monitoring).

**The role of virus associated cellular proteins in T-lymphocyte dysfunction**

Boštík, P., Řehulka, P., Pejchal, J., Boštíková, V., Kročová, Z.

Supported by the Czech Republic Grant Agency, 2010–2014 (Project No.: GAP304/10/1161)

Herpetic viruses, such as VZV, and lentiviruses, such as HIV or SIV, are enveloped viruses, which infect CD4 T cells and cause transient (VZV) or progressive (SIV) dysregulation of T cell function. This effect is mainly indirect, as the fraction of infected cells is small, but the dysregulatory effect is observed in much larger cell population. These viruses incorporate host-derived proteins into their envelopes during the process of virus maturation and these proteins can either retain their function or engage their receptors and subsequently initiate intracellular signaling. This can be mediated by Akt-GSK3 pathway and PGE metabolism, leading to T cell dysfunction and apoptosis. This proposal utilizes state-of-the-art proteomic approach to Identification of host cell proteins incorporated into the SIV and VZV virions. The role of these host cell proteins will be subsequently investigated in their effects on CD4 T cell signaling cascades and can therefore lead to the elucidation of mechanisms involved in CD4 T cell dysfunction and death in such diseases as chickenpox and AIDS.
Whole varicella-zoster virus (VZV) genome sequencing of individual wild type and vaccine strains using GS Junior Benchtop System
Boštíková, V., Smetana, J., Kaislerová, L., Boštík, P.
Supported by the Roche co., 2010–2014 (Project No.: VZV)

Varicella-zoster virus (VZV) is a highly infectious herpesvirus that affects up to the 90% of human population. VZV causes chickenpox (varicella) predominantly in childhood and shingles (herpes zoster) in middle to old age people. While VZV usually causes relatively mild disease in healthy individuals, VZV still causes significant morbidity in children and adults. VZV causes life-threatening disease in immunocompromised individuals such as patients who are elderly or have HIV disease. Herpes zoster affects many elderly individuals and a major complication is prolonged severe pain or post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), both severely debilitating.

The epidemiology of VZV varies geographically. We use a novel strategy for VZV genotyping based on sequencing using DNA amplified from clinical samples. Using this method, more than 400 strains isolated in Czech Republic sorted into discrete geographically distributed genotypes. Recently we continue work on the improvement of the method and we try to find more genotypes in the individual groups.

The second part of study yield important data of genetic diversity of VZV in Czech Republic, which will play an important role in further understanding of epidemiology and evolution of the virus, and may in future serve as a tool for genetic prediction of virus pathogenicity or resistance development. Previous data from several laboratories, predominantly in the US and UK, indicate a specific geographic distribution of these strains as well as their potential propensity for recombination with other wild type (wt) or vaccine strains. New pyrosequencing method using GS Junior Benchtop System of whole VZV genomes further refined the phylogenetic distinctions between SNP genotypes. The new data will bring more light to widespread surveillance in countries in which the varicella vaccine is now in use.
The Department of Field Internal Medicine focuses systematically on the specialized postgraduate level of medical studies in the branch of field internal medicine. This discipline deals with specific military problems, in particular with the problem of saving the lives of patients suffering from serious and life-threatening conditions of non-surgical character. Such injuries generally occur during mass disasters both in wartime and in peacetime.

In the Department of Field Internal Medicine the development of military internal medicine follows three basic directions or areas: therapy and prevention, pedagogical and educational methods, and scientific research:
Work in therapy and prevention is essential for military internists, because it enables us to acquire and develop good professional aptitude and experience in care for the seriously ill.

The pedagogical and educational aspect of our work follows from our therapeutic/preventive activities. The Department coordinates the Branch Council of Clinical Medical Fields and the Branch Council of Postgraduate Study for Doctorates in Accredited Disciplines of Field Internal Medicine (equivalent of Ph.D.).

Scientific research is the Department’s third main area of activity. Essentially, it extrapolates the results of applied clinical research into specific military conditions and into medical care under field conditions.

In 2013 the research in the Department continued in the five basic fields:

- **Haematology** – growth of stem cells – preparation for bone marrow transplantation
- **Biochemical and electrophysiologic investigation and monitoring of acute coronary syndromes**
- **Cardiotoxicity of antitumorous therapy**
- **Diagnosis and therapy of hypercoagulative states – the monitoring of anticoagulant therapy**
- **Global quality of life in patients who have undergone the hematopoietic stem cell transplantation**

Cooperation in the clinical research:

1. **Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation.** A role of cytokines in transplantation. Transplant-related complications and supportive care has continued.
2. **A study in the application of enteral and parenteral nutrition in intensive metabolic care has continued.**
3. **The study of supraventricular tachycardias – electrophysiologic investigation and therapy including radiofrequency ablation has continued.**
4. **Participation (co-investigators) on international study IRIS – Immediate Risk-stratification Improves Survival, primary prevention of sudden cardiac death.**
5. **Cardiotoxicity of antitumorous therapy** – the research project has continued.
6. **Projects have been carried out in the field of determination and analysis of monoclonal immunoglobulins in the urine of patients with multiple myeloma.**
7. New biochemical cardiac markers (cardiac troponin T, high sensitivity CRP, brain natriuretic peptide) – clinical and laboratory evaluation has continued.

8. Analysis of transplantation activities, indications and results in the Czech Republic – National Stem Cell Transplantation Registry.


10. Research project: MZO 00179906 (Czech Ministry of Health), Bioindicators in Hematology and Internal Medicine.

11. A double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study of two different schedules of Palifermin (pre- and post chemotherapy and pre-chemotherapy only) for reduction in severity of oral mucositis in subjects with multiple myeloma (MM) receiving high dose Melphalan followed by autologous peripheral blood stem cell transplantation (PBSCT): AMGEN, Protocol no. 20050219.

12. A long-term organization development plan 1011.

13. Double blind, randomised, placebo-controlled multicentre phase III clinical study followed by open-label phase on the efficacy and tolerability of budesonide 3 mg effervescent tablet in patients with resistant oral chronic GvHD.

14. A phase III, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, multicenter clinical trial to study the safety, tolerability, efficacy, and immunogenicity of V212/heat-treated varicella-zoster virus (VZV) vaccine in recipients of autologous hematopoietic cell transplants (HCTs).

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Quality of life measurement and its influence to overall survival in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in CZ

Tměný, M., Novák, J., Válková, V., Jebavý, L., Sedláček, P.

Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2010–2015 (Project No.: NT11299)

The aim of our project is to document quality of life in transplanted patients using standardised QOL questionnaires. Based on this monitoring, we would like to propose a supportive psychological and social program for individual institutions so that the monitoring of QOL will become an integral part of standard medical practice.
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Structure and main tasks of the department

1. **Division of General Surgery**
   Klein Leo – Head of the Group

2. **Division of Traumatology and Burns Treatment**
   Čáp Robert – Head of the Group
Main tasks

- Undergraduate education of medical students
- Postgraduate training of military surgeons and other medical specialists
- Expertise and referential work for needs of the Czech Armed Forces
- Research in Military Surgery
- Preparation of medical health-care personnel before foreign missions of the Army of the Czech Republic

At present, the Department of Field Surgery consists of two groups – the Group of General Surgery and the Group of Traumatology and Burns Treatment. Besides working at each Division of the Department of Surgery of the Teaching Hospital in Hradec Králové, the members of the Department perform both, undergraduate courses in field surgery for students of the Faculty of Military Health Science, and postgraduate training of military physicians for their specialization exams in surgery and general medicine. The Department also participates in teaching of the Battlefield Advanced Trauma Life Support (BATLS) courses, disaster medicine and the first aid courses, organized by the Faculty of Military Health Sciences for the Czech Army members. Members of the department participate in specialised NATO working groups according to their expertise. Moreover, they are consultans of the Surgeon General of the Czech Armed Forces. In the last several years, the Department has played important role in education and training of the personnel of field hospitals operating in foreign missions (Yugoslavia, Bosna-Herzegovina, Albania, Iraq, Afghanistan). Members of the Department also took part in that missions. Research and publication activities are also essential part of the Department work.

Participation in a foreign mission

- F. Hošek – UNTS, Zagreb, Croatia, 1996
- A. Ferko – International Hospital, SFOR, Shipovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2001
- R. Čáp – International Hospital, SFOR, Shipovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2001
- A. Ferko – 11th Field Hospital, ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2002
- J. Páral – 11th Field Hospital, ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2002, 2011 (TSF)
- M. Plodr – 11th Field Hospital, ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2002
- I. Žvák – 11th Field Hospital, ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2002
- D. Dobeš – British Field Hospital, Op TELIC, Shaibah, Iraq, 2004
- J. Páral – British Field Hospital, Op TELIC, Shaibah, Iraq, 2004
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- P. Lochman – British Field Hospital, Op TELIC, Shaibah, Iraq, 2004
Department of Field Surgery

- M. Plodr – 1st Contingent of the Field Hospital, ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan 2007
- I. Žvák – 1st Contingent of the Field Hospital, ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan 2007
- J. Páral – Czech Field Surgical Team, International Medical Treatment Facility (Role 3) KAIA, Kabul, Afghanistan 2012
- J. Šimek – Czech Field Surgical Team, International Medical Treatment Facility (Role 3) KAIA, Kabul, Afghanistan 2012

National textbooks
- Endovascular Treatment of Arterial Aneurysms (Ferko et al.)
- Handbook of Surgery (Ferko et al.)
- Principles of War Surgery (Klein, Ferko et al.)
- X-ray Atlas of Bone Fractures (Žvák et al.)
- Handbook of Bandages Technique (Páral)
- Acute Mesenteric Ischemia (Páral)

International textbooks
- Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (Páral). In Aperelho Digestivo (Coelho), Editora Atheneau, Sao Paulo, Brasilia

Research Projects

Parametric monitoring the quality of TME as a tool to reduce local recurrences after surgery for rectal cancer

Hoch, J., Páral, J.

Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2012–2015 (Project No.: NT13726)

The aim of the project is to establish and standardize the method of assessing the quality of surgery in the treatment of rectal cancer as a tool to reduce the incidence of local recurrence.

The expected outcome will be improving preoperative staging, consistent implementation and improvement procedures TME on those sites, increasing the percentage of complete excision as a basic prerequisite for reducing the rate of local recurrence in rectal cancer.
Quality evaluation of multimodal treatment in patients with colorectal liver metastatic disease: Multicentric study within Czech complex oncology centres

Ryska, M., Ferko, A., Šubrt, Z.

Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2012–2015 (Project No.: NT13660)

The aim of this project is to verify the benefits of a multidisciplinary team approach to comprehensive treatment and evaluation of results for groups of patients defined by selected parameters, compare nationwide data with those of selected comprehensive cancer centers, while respecting the customized approach, to evaluate the cost / benefit and quality of life in patients treated for colorectal cancer liver metastases.
The Department of General Medicine was established at the J. E. Purkyně Military Medical Research and Postgraduate Institute in 1983. It was formed from the former Group of Military Medical Service Organization in Peacetime which existed at the Department of Military Medical Service Organization. The reason for the foundation of the Department was the need to educate military doctors in newly established branch of General Medicine that became the basic branch for military doctors who were in charge of primary care in the Military Medical Service organizational structures. Specialization in the branch of internal medicine was insufficient and did not meet professional requirements for individual medical practice at Units and later at Garrison Dispensaries. First Specialization Exams in this new basic specialization branch were held in February 1985. 525 military doctors passed the Specialization Exam in General Medicine till 31st December 2004.

Since 1997, the work at this Department has focused more on pre-hospital emergency care and teaching the First Aid and Emergency Medicine. At the same time a significant modernization and a proper subdivision of teaching premises according to the type of courses were carried out there. Now the Department is equipped with modern teaching models and simulators for teaching pre-hospital care, including the possibility of interactive teaching aids. Current innovations of medical material and
equipment are applied in teaching process. The extension of teaching activities in this new field called for changes in table posts at the Department. In 2001, the Healthcare Education and Training Group was established and other workers were engaged to teach the first aid. Since 2003, regarding the extension of teaching, the Department has had a new name – the Department of General and Emergency Medicine.

The Department of General and Emergency Medicine is the main department providing military-professional training in the subject called Military Medical Service Organization in Peacetime for students of the Master’s Study Programme in branches of General Medicine and Military Pharmacy, and for students of the Bachelor’s Study Programme in the branch of Military Medical Management and in various types of training and courses. It also provides further education for military doctors, pharmacists and other personnel of the Military Medical Service through refresher courses and specialization courses. Until 2005, the Department was the leading department focused on specialization training of military doctors served in the Czech Army Medical Service. It organizes pre-graduate courses in emergency medicine in Master’s Study Programme, but especially post-graduate education of doctors, health care workers and nurses. The Department of General and Emergency Medicine collaborates with the Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education in Prague, the Chamber of Medicine, professional medical societies and associations in postgraduate training and specialized activities. It participates in establishing standards for special therapeutic care.

The subject called Disaster Medicine makes students acquainted with principles of emergency medicine and operation of individual parts of integrated rescue system in conditions of serious accidents, natural disasters and catastrophes. In connection with this training, the Department provides its participants with knowledge and experience of the operation of the Military Medical Service institutions and facilities in crisis, in combat or other extraordinary situations. It applies the knowledge of military and military-professional subjects into specific conditions of operation of the Military Medical Service respecting both military principles and requirements as well as the principles of humanity, law and especially Geneva Conventions.

The main mission of the Department is education and training of medical officers in casualty medical care in both combat and disaster situations. For this purpose, the principles and procedures of emergency care in field conditions are taught at the Department through BATLS/BARTS (Battlefield Advanced Trauma Life Support/Battlefield Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and Skills) courses. In the same area, the Department participates in training of medical personnel before their departure to foreign missions.

The next important mission of the department is education and training of non-medical personnel in first-aid care. The most of the soldiers are
trained in the Battlefield First-Aid Courses, some of them are trained in consequential Combat Life Saver Courses. This course lasts 2 weeks and offers a lot of useful knowledge and skills, e. g. control life-threatening external hemorrhage, airway management and decompress the chest. The graduates of this course must be able to give first aid to casualty with very realistic looking injuries prepared by professional masker at the end of the course.

The Department is a co-ordinating centre of scientific work in the branch of Military Medical Service Organization in Peacetime, Social Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Disaster Medicine. It participates in increasing the quality of organisational structure of medical units, formations and facilities. It elaborates their operation procedures and principles of their management in peacetime as well as in emergency situations. The Department provides expert activities and elaborates data and proposals from these areas for concept-making bodies of the Czech Army Medical Service. The Department analyzes NATO regulations and directives and recommends their introduction in practice as well as in teaching process. It provides consultations for field leading officers of the Military Medical Service. The Department cooperates with civilian institutions, namely, with the bodies of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic in the issues concerning the cooperation between civilian and military medical service in extraordinary situations. It ensures publication activities focused on educational work requirements and on presenting scientific information. The Department is in charge of the education of talented students within the framework of students’ scientific and professional activities. It participates in the solution of assignments within the organizational structure of the military health care in peacetime. It is the consultation and expert workplace in the branch of General and Emergency Medicine for the Army of the Czech Republic.
The Department of Military Health Service Organization is the primary department which offers military and professional training and education for students of medicine, pharmacy, military medical management, as well as for paramedical personnel to the extent necessary for the execution of their duties in a crisis and wartime health care system. It organizes postgraduate education for military doctors, pharmacists and bachelors in advanced courses. It offers specialized training in the field of military health service administration and management. It is responsible for providing career courses to military medical personnel.

The subject called "Organization and Tactics of Military Medical Service" familiarizes students with the activities of the Medical Service in combat conditions, with the assignments and principals of medical support to troops, the organizational structure of the military health service in combat, the operation of particular medical establishments and the principles of human rights – in particular those defined by the Geneva Convention. The department carries out training in medical support planning, in working with map, deployment of field medical facilities, calculation of medical casualties and the Military Medical Service management.

Other subjects provide students with knowledge in tactic, logistics, communications, military engineering, topography, and NBC defence. All these subjects are a part of the general military education of Czech Army
professionals and are prerequisites of mastering the subject of military medicine.

The department teaches disaster medicine, mainly focused on planning, administration, management and evacuation.

The department serves as a coordinating centre for the field of research work in the discipline of the Military Medical Service Organization and Management. It participates in achieving a better quality of organization in medical units, formations, facilities, operational regulations, and management methods in foreign operations. It sets out the basic materials and proposals from the above – mentioned areas for the Czech Army Medical Service authorities.
The Department of Military Hygiene is divided into two relatively independent groups, the work of which is interconnected and it complexly covers the basic issues of the relation of life and job environment to the health of the individual.
a) In the area of Hygiene of Nutrition and Occupational Hygiene, attention is paid namely to the incidence and prevalence of risk factors of non-infectious diseases of mass incidence, rational food, catering of troops in peacetime and wartime conditions – emergency food rations, assessment of the proper received and consumed energy. Occupational Hygiene is focused above all on response of the organism to work in protective clothing and severe climatic conditions and on evaluation of the degree of risk connected with environment contamination.

b) The Group of Communal Hygiene is oriented on the analysis of selected physical and chemical factors of external environment in the conditions of the Army of the Czech Republic (ACR) It studies the possibilities of use of chemical substances for disinfection effects.

Pedagogical activities of the Department of Military Hygiene were and still are considerably wide. The Department fully participates in a basic pre-graduate and post-graduate education of military doctors and in co-operation with the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education in Prague; it takes part in the preparation of civilian physicians. The pre-graduate education pays attention to the students of the 3rd year of Pharmacy, the 4th and 5th year of Stomatology and especially to the students of the 5th and 6th year of General Medicine. The Department of Military Hygiene members participate in teaching basic warrants officers’ courses, commanders in reserve courses, recruited nurse’s courses.
The primary focus of the Department of Public Health (K-309) is aimed at the integration of health care, pharmaceutical and managerial branches to efficiently support the Medical Service of the Czech Army, particularly in the field of disaster medicine and emergency planning, and education of medical and non-medical healthcare personnel in lifelong learning programs.

The department consists of three groups – the Healthcare Management Group, the Military Pharmacy Group and the Fitness Preparation Group.

Teaching activities are one of department’s main tasks. The department takes part in undergraduate study programs in military medicine, military pharmacy and military emergency response. In addition, teachers participate in the courses and training programs in health care management, medical emergency planning, crisis stress management, bio-informatics and statistics, information and computer technology, health economics, medical services.
law and military career courses (basic officer course, senior officer course). The department also participates in preparation of medical troops for foreign missions.

Research activities play an important role. The research is oriented towards process modelling, particularly in the context of healthcare facilities, emergency situations and major incidents, geographical information systems in emergency planning and pre hospital medical care, and medical visualization. Members of the department concentrate on the development and application of information technologies in all the mentioned fields. By actively participating in both local and international conferences, the department has established valuable co-operations with local and foreign universities.

The department has been involved in international projects creating centres and methodologies for healthcare management education and for regional healthcare policies.

Department’s research projects have been supported by the Czech Science Foundation, Foundation of Ministry of Health and Foundation of Ministry of Defence.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Neurobehavioral evaluation of potential Alzheimer`s disease drugs
Kassa, J., Misík, J., Kuča, K., Musílek, K., Žďárová Karasová, J.
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Prehospital emergency care efficiency
Procházka, M., Halajčuk, T., Hrstka, Z., Ježek, B., Vaněk, J., Mašek, J.
Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2013–2015 (Project No.: NT14460)

The main research subject of the project is assessment of suitable criteria of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) efficiency evaluation. As a part of the project an analysis of the EMS of Kralovehradecky region will be performed aimed at the economic efficiency as seen by individual EMS stakeholders (health insurance companies, EMS, regional government, Ministry of Health Care), at the EMS medical effects and at the readiness of the EMS in conjunction with the plan of the region coverage by EMS bases. To assess the aptness of the economic efficiency criteria standard economic indicators used in medical facilities will be employed to determine the criteria suitable for EMS providers. The medical effects criteria will be established in a retrospective analysis of the EMS response data. The readiness of the EMS in the region of interest will be considered by criteria extracted from the data on EMS responses including GPS data processed in GIS.

Preparation and biological evaluation of new therapeutics against pesticides
Kuča, K., Žďárová Karasová, J., Pohanka, M., Jun, D.
Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2011–2014 (Project No.: NT12062)

The main aim of this project is to search for new and convenient therapeutics that will be more effective in therapy of pesticide poisoning (pesticides are commonly used organophosphate inhibitors of cholinesterases). New structures will be determined by using highly sophisticated methodology: molecular design. Predicted structures and their analogues will be synthesized. Their therapeutic potency will be tested in in vitro studies. The acetylcholinesterase reactivators with the highest reactivation potency will be chosen into in vivo tests. During this development process other important data such as LD50 of newly synthesized therapeutics, biochemical studies and pharmacokinetics studies (distribution of newly prepared therapeutics and their ability to penetrate through the blood-brain barrier into central nervous system) will be also replenished. If some effective candidates will be found, subsequent cooperation with foreign institutes is presumed.
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The Department of Radiobiology was established at Purkyně Military Medical Research and Postgraduate Institute on September the 1st 1963. The first chief of the department became Colonel Prof. MUDr. Josef Mráz, CSc., who was in 1968 appointed the first professor of military radiobiology of the Charles University. The main tasks of the department are teaching and research activities, which are closely connected.

In the field of research, the experimental work includes histology and cytology, in vitro methods, methods of proteomic analysis and methods of flow cytometry. Individual technological units allow in vitro and in vivo observation of post-radiation mechanisms on molecular, cellular, and organ levels.

Military research is focused on early diagnosis and therapy of post-radiation damage in the main objective of the department. The aim of investigation in the medium-term horizon is discovery and practical introduction of bio-dosimeter markers as well as continuous renewal of decontamination agents for the Army of CR. Mutual cooperation with other NBC research workplaces also remains an integral part of our research activities. Cooperation with civilian workplaces at the Faculty of Medicine and the University Hospital in Hradec Králové is focused on radiation oncology.
The Department of Radiobiology takes part in military medical-specialist education in the form of pre-gradual and post-gradual education mainly in doctoral studies. The main educational activity is lecturing military radiobiology. The main topics are: the nuclear weapons effects on the living organism, the possibilities of the protection and medical treatment of irradiated persons. Other special military issues are disaster medicine, NBC protection etc., which are taught at the Faculty of Military Health Sciences, including the topics, which are presented by the instructors of our department.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Phosphoproteomic analysis of leukaemic cells after irradiation
Tichý, A.
Supported by the Czech Republic Grant Agency, 2012–2014 (Project No.: GPP206/12/P338)

Phosphorylation is one of the most important post-translational modifications, which affects protein structure, function, and localization, regulating majority of biochemical processes. In our previous work we were engaged with molecular mechanisms of response of leukaemic cells MOLT-4 (p53-positive) and HL-60 (p53-negative) to ionising radiation. Submitted project proposes to characterize phosphoproteome of the mentioned cells, i.e. to identify phosphoproteins which are involved in radiation-induced signaling using tandem mass spectrometry, and to propose the potential biodosimetric markers. To date, no study has been published in the presented area mainly due to a very low abundance of phosphoproteins in the cell and due to insufficient ionization during MS analysis (acidic and hydrophilic character) compared to non-modified proteins. Therefore we will employ the newest methods for selective enrichment of phosphopeptides (bioaffinity chromatography) and recent knowledge to increase enrichment efficiency (methylation, pH adjustment etc.).

Radio-sensibilization of MOLT-4 and SAOS-2 cell lines by DNA repair inhibition: Phosphoproteomic analysis of irradiated cancer cells
Šalovská, B., Tichý, A.
Supported by Grant Agency of Charles University, 2013–2013 (Project No.: GAUK 2013)

The project is based on the study of phosphorylation – one of the most considerable post-translational modifications. To induce phosphorylation we employ ionizing radiation, which is used in radiotherapy of cancer since its capable of induction of DNA damage and apoptosis. In order to increase radiosensitivity, it is often combined with various radiosensitizers.

Hence, the main goal is to compare the effect of three radiosensitizers – KU55339, NU7441, and VE-821 that specifically inhibit key kinases regulating DNA repair after irradiation – ataxia-telangiectasia mutated kinase, DNA-dependent protein kinase a ATM-Rad3-related kinase. Each of these kinases phosphorylates a number of other substrates, some of them specifically and some redundantly and triggers a specific signalling cascade. Consequently, inhibition of DNA repair enzymes increases apoptosis and allows eradication of cancer cells. Since we use a specific inhibitor for each particular kinase, we aim to exploit mass spectrometry for identification and quantification of proteins involved in the mentioned pathways and to investigate their role in the p53-negative cellular environment.
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The Department was established in 1951. Since then, as an integral part of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences, it has been involved in education and scientific research work on chemical warfare agents for defensive and protective purposes only. It comprises two laboratory groups – a biochemical (biochemical laboratory, laboratory of organic synthesis, analytical laboratory, decontamination laboratory) and an experimental therapy group (toxicological laboratory, pharmacological laboratory, neurophysiological laboratory, neurobehavioral laboratory, genotoxicological laboratory). This structure permits the complex study of highly toxic substances including chemical warfare agents with aims to determine their action on biochemical, neurobehavioral, histochemical, pharmacological and neurophysiological level, to study and develop antidotes, to analyse all types of samples with respect to the presence of known chemical warfare agents, to test decontamination effectiveness of developed and field decontamination kits. Present scientific research projects are focused on therapeutic, prophylactic and protective measures against the most toxic chemical warfare agents. Special attention has been paid to the most recent and most dangerous nerve agents and mustards. The main educational activity task was to give lectures for undergraduate and post-graduate studies dealing with problems of biological effects of real and potential chemical warfare agents, the possibilities of the medical and chemical protection against them and the approaches to medical care of persons intoxicated with chemical warfare agents, especially nerve agents. The Department of Toxicology also participates in the teaching of toxicology in disaster medicine.

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COOPERATION

In 2013, the Department of Toxicology has continued in the cooperation with various research institutes (the National Poison Control Centre, Military Medical Academy, Belgrade – Republic of Serbia, Medicinal Science Division, Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology, Taejon – Korea, Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, Zagreb – Croatia, Bundeswehr Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Munich – Germany, Florida International University, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in USA, University of St. Andrew, School of Biology in United Kingdom, UAE University, Faculty of Medical Research Sciences in United Arabian Emirates, Semmelweis University, Faculty of Pharmacy in Hungary, Institute de Recherches Biomédical des Armeés in France) in the field of development of prophylactic and therapeutical means against nerve agents and organophosphorous insecticides. The cooperation has been mostly characterized by the exchange of scientific information. Within the frame of the work dealing with the identification of the mechanisms of chemoprevention in the initial phases of mutageneses and carcinogenesis, the Department of Toxicology has also continued in cooperation with the Institute Nutrition Research in Oslo (Norway) and the Institute of Experimental Oncology and the Slovak Health Care University in Bratislava (Slovak Republic). The cooperation with Department of Organic Chemistry, Institute of Chemistry, P. J. Šafárik University in Košice (Slovak Republik), Department of Biophysics, Institute of Experimental Physics, Slovak Academy of Sciences in Košice (Slovak Republic) and Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology, Slovak Technical University in Bratislava (Slovak Republic) is continuing in the field of the development of new potential therapeutic means against Alzheimer disease.
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The Institute of Molecular Pathology, as one of the successors of the Institute of Radiobiology and Molecular Pathology, is a research centre focused on the application of advanced technologies of functional genomics to bio-medical defence research. Scientific work is preferably aimed at the studies of the host-pathogen interactions at the molecular level. The objectives of this research splits in three main topics: biomolecular signatures of biological agents potentially abused for the military, terroristic or bio-crime acts, intracellular fate of ingested microbes and finally the modulation of host cell signalling and gene expression by ongoing infection. The favourite microbial model is live vaccine strain of Francisella tularensis, a gram-negative facultative intracellular bacterial pathogen from the gamma subdivision of Proteobacteriae.

The second branch of the research involves the clinical studies utilizing the post-genomic approaches for identification of new biomarkers of different pathological processes. Laboratories of the Institute are currently equipped for realization of complete classical and shotgun proteomic analyses. The materials for analyses are prepared in the Institute’s tissue culture and microbiological labs. In parallel, the basic search for gene expression can be performed using quantitative real-time PCR technology. The established technologies enable researchers, Ph.D. students, and under-graduate students to realize complex studies oriented on the analyses of living system response to external (and internal, modulatory) signals encompassing the chemicals, biologically active bio-molecules, physical influences (temperature, radiation, etc.), and microorganisms.

During the year 2008 the Institute traditionally cooperated with the military medical and research facility in Sweden (FOI NBC-Defence, Umea) on preparation of Francisella tularensis knock-outs. The further scientific contacts involved National Center for Glycomics and Glycoproteomics, Department of Chemistry, Indiana University, USA – mass spectrometry analysis of bacterial glycoproteins, Unité de Pathogénie des Infections Systémiques, Faculté de Médecine, Necker-Enfants Malades, Paris, France – comparative proteomic studies of Francisella tularensis deletion mutants, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease (Fort Detrick, USA) – preparation and testing of bacterial proteins with immunostimulatory potential and, finally Department of Microbiology and Parasitology, University of Rijeka – microscopical analysis of microbial intracellular trafficking, Molecular Infection Medicine, University of Umea, Sweden – analysis of host-pathogen interactions.

Within the frame of the Czech Republic, the Institute has useful contacts with the Institute of Microbiology, Czech Academy of Science, Prague, the Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague, the University Hospital in Hradec Králové, Department of Pharmacology of Medical Faculty in Hradec Králové, Department of Oncological and Experimental Pathology Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute, Brno and Veterinary Research Institute in Brno.
The financial support for research activities performed in the collaboration with above-mentioned Institutes comes from the programmes and projects of Czech Grant Agencies and Ministry of Defence. Currently, the Institute for Molecular Pathology has 11 full-time permanent employees, 9 scientists, 1 technician and 1 administrative worker. The Institute has currently 10 PhD students and, furthermore, several undergraduates have been working on their diploma thesis in the Institute.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Characterization of the diagnostic potential of native polypeptides in amniotic fluid
Lenčo, J.
Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2012–2015 (Project No.: NT13599)

Preterm premature rupture of membranes (PPROM) is a principal cause of preterm births and considerably increases perinatal morbidity and mortality. The main reason is the causal link with intraamniotic infection (IAI), which occurs in 40–60% of PPROM patients. The most serious cases of IAI may result in fetal inflammatory response (FIRS) and cause permanent health consequences for the newborn or end up by the death of the fetus. FIRS is very often subclinical and thus frequently remains undetected. Currently, there is no tool for its precise prenatal diagnostics available. The project is focused on characterization of the diagnostic potential of native amniotic fluid polypeptides with regard to detection of IAI and FIRS.

Identification of novel Francisella tularensis targets for subunit vaccine development
Stulík, J., Worsham, P.
Supported by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, 2011–2014 (Project No.: D-CZ-10-0001)

To develop a subunit vaccine for tularemia. Specifically, this project focuses on (1) the identification of surface associated or secreted virulence factors from F. tularensis using immunoproteomic approaches (2) cloning and expression of these gene products, (3) confirming the role of the selected targets in virulence, and (4) assessing these proteins as protective antigens in animal models.
New technologies for identification and typing of biological agents  
Kročová, Z., Boštík, P., Hanovcová, I., Jun, D., Macela, A.  
Supported by the Czech Republic Ministry of Internal Affairs, 2012–2015 (Project No.: VF20122015024)  
The aim of the project is to develop the methodological procedures for the isolation of bacterial and viral nucleic acids and protein and no-protein toxins from natural matrices, and the procedures for their identification and typing. In the case of bacteria and viruses are designed following the methodological procedures and specific technological and laboratory units: the acquisition and cultivation of biological agents, isolation of genome and plasmid DNA, or RNA in the case of a virus, the methodology and procedures for the preparation of samples of bacterial and viral nucleic acids from complex matrices, design of qPCR primers, probes and the reaction conditions and testing and validation of the proposed methods and procedures for the identification of biological agents. For the detection of low molecular weight toxins will be used high performance liquid chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry and for detection and identification of protein toxins will be used mass spectrometric method SRM (Selected reaction monitoring).

Proteome analysis of the interaction of host cell with intracellular pathogen  
Stulík, J.  
Supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, 2012–2013 (Project No.: 7AMB12GR038)  
Project Mobility Czech Republic – Greece. The major aim of the proposed project is the common exploitation of advanced proteome high-throughput technologies, established in different scope in both laboratories, for identification of key host cell protein molecules whose quantity ad/or posttranslational modification is modulated by the early phase of host-pathogen interaction. Furthermore using bioinformatic tools the probable functions and the role of these identified proteins in the host protective response against infection will be predicted.

Targeted proteomic analysis in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy  
Stulík, J., Fučíková, A.  
Supported by the Internal Grant Agency of the Czech Republic Health Service, 2012–2015 (Project No.: NT13721)  
The basic objective of the proposed project is to verify the analytical potential of selected biomarkers of peripheral blood for diagnostics of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. In our previous study, we used quantitative proteomics to identify 40 proteins in plasma. The plasma concentrations of these proteins were significantly different compare to control group.
The scope of the proposed project is the verification and validation of the concentration of these proteins in peripheral blood of patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; the comparison of the results with the healthy population and other diseases that are accompanied by structural changes in the myocardium (dilated cardiomyopathy, ischemic heart disease, arterial hypertension and aortic stenosis). The project will use commercially available kits based on the detection and quantification using antibodies and antibody-independent method for proteomic SRM (Selected Reaction Monitoring).

The role of B cells during natural and adaptive phase of immune response against Francisella tularensis infection in mice
Kročová, Z.
Supported by the Czech Republic Grant Agency, 2011–2014 (Project No.: GAP302/11/1631)

Tularemia is a zoonotic infection with high infectivity and high morbidity. The etiological agent of tularemia is Francisella tularensis, an intracellular pathogen on all major lists of potential bioterroristic agents. The live vaccine strain without the license for human use is still the only problematic tool for the immunoprophylaxis. In spite of a growing number of studies dedicated to immunity against tularemia, the mechanisms participating in the protective response remain mostly unknown. Especially the role of B cells and specific antibodies is a recently hot topic of debate. For this reason the proposal of this project covers the aims concerning the mechanisms by which B cells and antibodies participate in protective response, e.g. antigen presenting function, production of specific antibodies during the T-independent phase of innate response, B cell mediated immunological memory and the existence of an analogy of ADCC where bacteria are the targets. No direct experimental evidence exists for the participation of these phenomena in protective immunity against tularemia.

The role of virus associated cellular proteins in T-lymphocyte dysfunction
Boštík, P., Řehulka, P., Pejchal, J., Boštíková, V., Kročová, Z.
Supported by the Czech Republic Grant Agency, 2010–2014 (Project No.: GAP304/10/1161)

Herpetic viruses, such as VZV, and lentiviruses, such as HIV or SIV, are enveloped viruses, which infect CD4 T cells and cause transient (VZV) or progressive (SIV) dysregulation of T cell function. This effect is mainly indirect, as the fraction of infected cells is small, but the dysregulatory effect is observed in much larger cell population. These viruses incorporate host-derived proteins into their envelopes during the process of virus maturation and these proteins can either retain their function or engage their receptors and subsequently initiate intracellular signaling. This can be mediated by Akt-
GSK3 pathway and PGE metabolism, leading to T cell dysfunction and apoptosis. This proposal utilizes state-of-the-art proteomic approach to identification of host cell proteins incorporated into the SIV and VZV virions. The role of these host cell proteins will be subsequently investigated in their effects on CD4 T cell signaling cascades and can therefore lead to the elucidation of mechanisms involved in CD4 T cell dysfunction and death in such diseases as chickenpox and AIDS.
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The Vivarium at the Faculty of Military Health Sciences of the University of Defence fulfils science, research and teaching tasks of the departments and specialized workplaces of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences. The vivarium is subordinated to the Department of Teaching support.

The separate vivarium for mice and sewer-rats is a part of the Department of Toxicology.

From the point of view of the capacity the Faculty of Military Health Sciences is able to carry out experiments, place and take care of laboratory mice, sewer-rats, guinea-pigs, rabbits, pigs or mini pigs. In the area of the vivarium there are also laboratory workplaces and operating theatres, which are equipped for experiments on laboratory animals. All studies have to be allowed by the Ethical Board of the Faculty of the Military Health Sciences fully in compliance with the legal standards of the protection against cruelty to animals.

The vivarium with the operating block is intensely used above all for experiments on large experimental animals. The courses BATLS and BARTS are held there. During the courses different model situations and cases of emergency medicine are performed for military doctors and participants of foreign mission including war injuries on dead and live experimental animals.

On 30 December 2010 the vivarium was accredited for use again for 5 years (till 30 December 2015) by the Central Board for Animal Protection.

The above-mentioned range of the activities shows that it is necessary to time work and also co-ordinate it personally including permanent presence of a veterinary surgeon, veterinary technicians and breeders of laboratory animals.
VISITORS TO THE FACULTY OF MILITARY HEALTH SCIENCES

Austria

- Ernst Pittenauer (Vienna) – Scientific collaboration, 02 December 2013–06 December 2013

Greece

- Katerina Arvaniti (Iraklion) – Training in lipid raft isolation and microgradient separation of peptides, 14 July 2013–20 July 2013

Hungary

- Anita Jekö (Budapest) – Erasmus, 01 November 2013–01 February 2014

VISITS ABROAD

Austria

- Chlíbek, R. (15th ISW-TBE Meeting will Take Place, Vienna, 31 January 2013–01 February 2013)
- Vajrychová, M. (Late summer practical proteomic seminar, Vienna, 02 September 2013–03 September 2013)
- Žďárová Karasová, J. (21th WCN 2013, Vienna, 21 September 2013–26 September 2013)

Belgium

- Boštík, P. (CapTech ESM04 EDA meeting, Brussels, 07 November 2013–08 November 2013)
- Chlíbek, R. (Combination Vaccines Academy, Brussels, 09 May 2013–10 May 2013)
- Kassa, J. (34th NATO CBRN Medical Working Group Meeting, Brussels, 10 February 2013–15 February 2013)

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Bulgaria
- Halajčuk, T. (12th International Conference Economy & Business, Sunny Beach, 01 September 2013–05 September 2013)
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France

Germany
- Boštík, P. (CapTech ESM04 EDA meeting, Ottobrunn, 18 June 2013–20 June 2013)
- Dohnalová, L. (International Summer Lab (ISL) – Course "Food Process Design", University of Applied Sciences, Quakenbrueck, 07 July 2013–19 July 2013)
- Kassa, J. (14th International Medical Chemical Defence Conference, Munich, 23 April 2013–25 April 2013)
- Musílek, K. (14th International Medical Chemical Defence Conference, Munich, 23 April 2013–25 December 2013)

Greece
- Stulík, J. (Working Meeting at Department of Chemistry, University of Crete, Iraklion, 13 November 2013–16 November 2013)

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- Páral, J. (4th World Congress for the Advancement of Surgery, Tel Aviv, 27 October 2013–31 October 2013)

Italy
- Chlíbek, R. (31st Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Milan, 28 May 2013–31 May 2013)
- Kassa, J. (AD/PD™ 2013: 11th International Conference on Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Diseases, Florence, 06 March 2013–10 March 2013)
- Kročová, Z. (15th International Congress of Immunology, Milan, 22 August 2013–27 September 2013)
- Kubelková, K. (15th International Congress of Immunology, Milan, 22 August 2013–28 August 2013)
- Lochman, P. (10th International Gastric Cancer Congress, Verona, 18 June 2013–22 June 2013)
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- Žďárová Karasová, J. (AD/PD™ 2013: 11th International Conference on Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Diseases, Florence, 06 March 2013–10 March 2013)

Japan
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Norway
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VISITS ABROAD

Poland

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- Kročová, Z. (ESF-EMBO Symposium with support from EFIS: B Cells from Bedside to Bench and Back Again, Pultusk, 02 September 2013–07 September 2013)

Republic of Korea

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Slovakia

- Chlíbek, R. (17th Slovak-Czech Congress on Infectious Diseases, Poprad, 13 June 2013–15 June 2013)
- Pavlík, V. (Living Conditions and Health, Nový Smokovec, 23 September 2013–25 September 2013)
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Spain
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Sweden
- Kupsa, T. (18th Congress of European Hematology Association (EHA), Stockholm, 12 June 2013–16 June 2013)
- Šepsová, V. (Shalgagreska Institut University Gothenburg, Gothenburg, 17 November 2013–30 November 2013)
- Zárybnická, L. (CELOD: Cellular Effects of Low Doses and Low Dose-Rates with Focus on DNA Damage and Stress Response, Stockholm, 21 April 2013–03 May 2013)

Switzerland
- Šmejkal, K. (AOTrauma Masters Course – Complications and Complex Fractures, Davos, 08 December 2013–13 December 2013)

Turkey
VISITS ABROAD


United Kingdom

- Jebavý, L. (39th Annual Meeting of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT), London, 06 April 2013–10 April 2013)
- Soukup, O. (Postdoc Internship, St. Andrews, 28 April 2013–18 June 2013)

United States

- Boštíková, V. (Viral infections, Atlanta, 01 December 2013–09 December 2013)
- Pohanka, M. (Modulation of immunization via cholinergic nervous system using HI-6, Baltimore, 19 November 2013–24 November 2013)

Vietnam

- Klein, L. (9th Asia-Pacific Burns Conference (ISBI), Hanoi, 31 March 2013–07 April 2013)
WORKSHOPS, COURSES, RESIDENCIES AT THE FACULTY IN 2013

Military Hygiene

- Specialized course – Evaluation of workload, 04 November 2013–06 November 2013
- Specialized course – Teachings about foodstaf, 02 April 2013–04 April 2013
- Specialized course – Hygienic support to missions, 04 March 2013–06 March 2013
- Specialized course – Obesity, diagnostic possibilities, psychological aspects, therapeutical approach, 09 September 2013–11 September 2013
- Specialised course – Providing personal protective equipment (PPE), washing, cleaning and disinfective agents and protective drinks in the workplace, 26 February 2013–26 February 2013
- Specialized course – Evaluation of the nutritional state of the organism, 14 January 2013–16 January 2013

Language Courses

- Combined language courses – English (STANAG 3), 03 September 2012–31 May 2013, 09 September 2013–30 May 2014
- Intensive language courses – English (STANAG 1), 09 September 2013–13 December 2013
- Refresher language courses – English (STANAG 1), 09 September 2013–18 October 2013
- Medical English conversation course, 11 February 2013–22 February 2013
- Combined language courses – French (STANAG 2), 17 September 2012–14 June 2013
- Combined language courses – English (STANAG 2), 09 September 2013–30 May 2014
WORKSHOPS, COURSES, RESIDENCIES AT THE FACULTY IN 2013

Military Medical Service Organization

- Specialized course of aeromedical evacuation, 16 April 2013–18 April 2013
- Specialized warrent officer’s course for non-medical personnel, 08 April 2013–14 June 2013
- Senior staff officer course – Military health service organization and management, 16 September 2013–27 June 2014, 03 September 2012–14 June 2013
- Course for officers – Military health service organization and management, 07 January 2013–03 May 2013
- Special course – characteristics of ACR Military Medical Service function, 12 February 2013–14 February 2013
- MEDEVAC specialized course – Use of helicopter, 07 October 2013–11 October 2013
- Purpose course for members of medical service before mission abroad, 21 January 2013–22 January 2013

Military Epidemiology

- Specialized course – Epidemiology of new infectious diseases, 22 January 2013–24 January 2013
- Specialized course – Basis in tropical and travel medicine, 05 November 2013–07 November 2013
- Specialized course – Infectious diseases prevention, 12 November 2013–14 November 2013

General Medicine

- Specialized course – Teaching methodology of health training, 08 April 2013–12 April 2013
- Special course of first aid in the field for VO 84, 04 February 2013–08 February 2013
- Innovative course – Battlefield Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and Skills (R-BARTS), 04 March 2013–06 March 2013, 09 September 2013–11 September 2013
WORKSHOPS, COURSES, RESIDENCIES AT THE FACULTY IN 2013

- Specialized course – Transportation of casualties in the field, 22 April 2013–26 April 2013, 17 June 2013–21 June 2013
- Special course of first aid in the field for Police of the Czech Republic, 15 April 2013–19 April 2013
- Special course in extended first aid in the field for the Police of the Czech Republic (CLS Course), 13 May 2013–24 May 2013
- Special course – Repetitory of extended first aid in field conditions (R-CLS Course), 11 November 2013–15 November 2013

Computing

- Special course – MS Windows a MS Word, 14 January 2013–18 January 2013
- Refresher course in MS Word, 20 May 2013–22 May 2013

Molecular Pathology

WORKSHOPS, COURSES, RESIDENCIES AT THE FACULTY IN 2013

Multidisciplinary Studies

- Special course – Basis of pharmacology and self-treatment, 18 February 2013–21 February 2013
- Preparatory course for entrance examination, 03 June 2013–08 June 2013
Cooperation at the military medical facility level

Brazil
- Faculdade de Farmácia, Salvador, Bahia
- Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianopolis

Bulgaria
- Military Medical Academy, Sofia

France
- Health Service and Army Research Center (C.R.S.S.A.), Grenoble
- School of the Health Service of the Armies of Lyon-Bron (E.S.S.A.), Lyon

Germany
- Institute of Microbiology of Federal Armed Forces Medical Academy, Munich
- Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology of Federal Armed Forces Medical Academy, Munich

India
- Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur

Poland
- Military Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Warsaw

Serbia
- National Poison Control Centre of Military Medical Academy, Belgrade

Slovakia
- Air Forces Hospital, Košice
- Central Military Hospital, Ružomberok
- Military Health Service, Bratislava
- Military Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Bratislava
- Swedish Defence Research Agency, Dr. Artursson – Department of Threat Assessment, Division of NBC Defence, Umea

The Netherlands
- Division of Toxicology, TNO Prins Maurits Laboratory, Rijswijk

Turkey
- Gulhane Military Medical Academy, Ankara

Ukraine
- Military Medical Corps, Kiev

United Kingdom
- Defence Medical Services Training Centre Keogh Barracks in Aldershot, Ash Vale
- DRDC, Suffield
**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

United States  
- United States Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, Newport

Scientific cooperation with civilian institutions abroad (on the basis of individual agreements and joint projects)

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Sweden
• University of Umea, Umea

Switzerland
• Institute of Molecular Systems Biology, Zurich

United Arab Emirates
• United Arab Emirates University, Prof. Lorke – Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences – Department of Anatomy, Al-Ain

United Kingdom
• Health Protection Agency, Porton Down
• University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland

United States
• Emory University, Department of Pathology, Atlanta
• Merck & Co., Inc, Whitehouse Station
• MMRHVLB/CCID/CDC, Atlanta

United States
• University of Washington, Seattle
• Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Silver Spring
• Wyeth, New Jersey

Participation in international projects and networks

Belgium
• European Defence Agency, Brussels

Sweden
• European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Stockholm

Switzerland
• European Study Group on Nosocomial Infection,

United States
• Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
• National Institute of Health, Food and Drug Administration, Centre of Biological Evaluation and Research, Bethesda, Maryland
• U. S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease, Fort Detrick

Cooperation in the field of disaster medicine

United Kingdom
• Royal Centre for Defence Medicine, Birmingham
Other expert commissions

- J. Bajgar – member of Editorial board of Archives of Hygiene and Industrial Toxicology
- R. Blanař – member of NATO RTO, Human Factors and Medicine – Exploratory Team “Information Technology and Models for Crisis Detection, Monitoring and Response”
- R. Blanař – member of NATO (COMEDS-MMSOP)
- P. Boštík – chairman of RECOOP Association Select Committee
- P. Boštík – national coordinator for CBRN of Cap Tech ESM04 EDA
- P. Boštík – member of Regional Cooperation for Health Science and Technology
- P. Boštík – member of Editorial board of the Open Infectious Diseases Journal
- P. Boštík – member of the Association of UICC Fellows
- P. Boštík – member of the American Association of Immunologists (AAI) R. Chlíbek – member of C.O.P.E. – Consensus on Pertussis Booster Vaccination in Europe
- P. Boštík – member of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
- V. Boštíková – International Board for the Investigation and Control of Influenza and Other Epidemic Diseases
- V. Boštíková – member of Editorial board of Journal of Clinical Virology
- R. Chlíbek – member of GPI – Global Pertussis Initiative
- R. Chlíbek – member of NATO – Biological Medical Advisory Committee
- R. Chlíbek – member of NATO HFMP (Human Factor Medicine Panel)
- R. Chlíbek – member of Vaccination Advisory Board GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals
- R. Chlíbek – supervisor of CEVAG (Central European Vaccination Awareness Group)
- R. Chlíbek – member of Central and Eastern Europe Pertussis Awareness Group
- R. Chlíbek – member of C.O.P.E. – Consensus on Pertussis Booster Vaccination in Europe
- L. Jebavý – member of European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation
- L. Jebavý – member of Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer
- L. Jebavý – member of European Study Group on Nosocomial Infections
- J. Kassa – member of NATO CBRN Medical Working Group
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- J. Kassa – member of Editorial board of Journal of Medical Chemical, Biological and Radiological Defence
- J. Kassa – member of Editorial board of Challenge Medical CBRN Defense International
- L. Klein – member of Editorial board of Annals of Burns and Fire Disasters
- L. Klein – member of NATO HFMP
- Z. Kročová– member of Bio EDEP Project 3
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of Journal of Enzyme Inhibition and Medicinal Chemistry
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of Surgical Sciences (Scientific Research Publishing, Inc. USA)
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of Research in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology (Academic Journals)
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of ISRN Pharmaceutics (Hindawi)
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of World Journal of Methodology
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of World Journal of Translational Medicine
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of the Open Enzyme Inhibition Journal (Bentham)
- K. Kuča – consultant of Research Network Management Working Group; Cedar-Sinai RECOOP HST Consorciun
- K. Kuča – consultant of Guidepoint Global Advisors
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of Advances in Economics
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of Advances in Materials Science and Applications
- K. Kuča – member of Editorial board of Biochemistry & Physiology
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Journal of Biosafety
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Journal of Biosensors and Bioelectronics
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Journal of Cytoprotection and Damage Control
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Journal of Bioterrorism and Biodefense
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Journal of Obesity & Weight loss Therapy
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of BioMed Research International
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of International Journal of Drug Discovery
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of International Journal of Health, Safety and Environments
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Journal of Clinical Trials

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Microbial and Biochemical Technology
- M. Pohanka – member of Editorial board of Excellent Research Journal of Biotechnology
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- R. Prymula – member of Global Advisory Board on Pneumococcal Vaccines
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- R. Prymula – member of Management Board of ECDC
- R. Prymula – member of Steering Committee ECDC
- R. Prymula – member and secretariat of EVASG
- R. Prymula – member of ISW-TBE
- R. Prymula – member of SAATI
- J. Smetana – member of Rotavirus Vaccination Advisory Board GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals
- H. Střítecká – member of Editorial board of Journal of Obesity & Weight loss Therapy
- J. Stulík – member of NATO HFM TG-186
- J. Stulík – member of Editorial board of Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology
- M. Špliňo – International Board for the Investigation and Control of Influenza and Other Epidemic Diseases
- M. Špliňo – European Study Group on Nosocomial Infection
- R. Štětina – member of Working Group Asperillus (European Food Safety Authority)
SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Completed full professorships

Pazdiora Petr
- Institute of Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Pilsen
  area of specialization: Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology
  professor's lecture: Concept of scientific work and training in the field of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology

Completed associate professorships

Růžek Daniel
- Institute of Parasitology, Biology Centre, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, České Budějovice
  area of specialization: Medical Microbiology
  habilitation thesis: Molecular aspects of epidemiology and pathogenesis of arboviral infections
  habilitation lecture: Incidence, diagnostics and taxonomy of hemorrhagic fevers with pulmonary-renal syndromes in the European Union countries

Salavec Miroslav
- Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové and Faculty Hospital Hradec Králové
  area of specialization: Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology
  habilitation lecture: Chlamydial infections – trends in incidence, diagnostics and treatment
Kročová Zuzana

- Institute of Molecular Pathology, Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence, Hradec Králové

  area of specialization: Infection Biology
  habilitation thesis: Application of microbiological, immunological and molecular biological methods in a pathogenesis of F. tularensis microbe
  habilitation lecture: BIO DIM concept – current issue of detection, identification and monitoring of biological agents

Tichý Aleš

- Department of Radiobiology, Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence, Hradec Králové

  area of specialization: Military Radiobiology
  habilitation thesis: Reparation of radiation-induced damage and its role in radio-sensitization of the cancer cells
  habilitation lecture: Radon and its environmental importance

Dissertation defences

Korábečný Jan

- Department of Toxicology, Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence, Hradec Králové

  study programmes: Pharmacy
  dissertation: Synthesis of tetrahydroacridine acetylcholinesterase inhibitors

Fajfrová Jana

- Department of Hygiene, Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence, Hradec Králové

  study programmes: Preventive Medicine, Public Health Protection
  dissertation: Enhancement of fitness and health among career soldiers – metabolic syndrome and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Misík Jan
- Department of Toxicology, Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence, Hradec Králové

**study programmes:** Toxicology  
**dissertation:** In vivo skin decontamination – evaluation and optimization of new decontamination means

Blechová Zuzana
- 1st Department of Infectious Diseases, 2nd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague, University Hospital Na Bulovce

**study programmes:** Epidemiology  
**dissertation:** Epidemiology of community infections in children focused on pneumococci

Frank Martin
- Department of Surgery, Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence, Hradec Králové

**study programmes:** Military Surgery  
**dissertation:** Crossover external fixator of pelvic and acetabular fractures

Fučíková Alena
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**study programmes:** Infection Biology  
**dissertation:** Use of proteomic analysis in identification of potential biomarkers of cardiovascular diseases

Pavliš Oto
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**study programmes:** Toxicology  
**dissertation:** Substances affect cholinergic antiinflammatory pathway and their impact on the state of the organism during simultaneous infections
Dresler Jiří
- Central Military Health Institute, Prague

*study programmes:* Infection Biology
*dissertation:* Identification of new potential virulence factors of Francisella tularensis
THE REVIEW OF RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT AT THE FACULTY OF MILITARY HEALTH SCIENCES IN 2013

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Principal investigators

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(NT12062) Preparation and biological evaluation of new therapeutics against pesticides

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(NT13721) Targeted proteomic analysis in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Juraj Lenčo
(NT13599) Characterization of the diagnostic potential of native polypeptides in amniotic fluid

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(NT13726) Parametric monitoring the quality of TME as a tool to reduce local recurrences after surgery for rectal cancer
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Ladislav Jebavý
(NT11299) Quality of life measurement and its influence to overall survival in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in CZ

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Bruno Ježek
(NT14460) Prehospital emergency care efficiency

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(NT14460) Prehospital emergency care efficiency

Jaroslav Pejchal
(NT13413) Determination of apoptosis in the bioptic samples taken from the colon

Zdeněk Šubrt
(NT13660) Quality evaluation of multimodal treatment in patients with colorectal liver metastatic disease: Multicentric study within Czech complex oncology centres

DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY

Principal investigators

Jiří Stulík
(D-CZ-10-0001) Identification of novel Francisella tularensis targets for subunit vaccine development

THE GLAXOSMITHKLINE BIOLOGICALS CO.

Principal investigators

Roman Chlíbek
(113077 (ZOSTER-022)) A phase III, randomized, observer-blind, placebo controlled, multicentre, clinical vaccination trial to assess the prophylactic efficacy, safety and immunogenicity of GSK Biologicals’ herpes zoster gE/AS01B vaccine when administered intramuscularly on a 0, 2- month schedule in adults aged 70 years and older
Roman Chlíbek
(114825, Zoster-024) An open, phase II long term extension study to evaluate the immune responses to and safety of GSK Biologicals’ candidate herpes zoster vaccine (gE/AS01B) at Months 48, 60 and 72 post-vaccination in healthy subjects aged 60 years of age and older

Roman Chlíbek
(115790 EPI-Pertussis) Epidemiological observational prospective cohort study to evaluate the sero-prevalence of Bordetella pertussis in adults in the Czech Republic

Roman Chlíbek
(110390 (ZOSTER-006)) A phase III, randomized, observer-blind, placebo-controlled, multicentre, clinical vaccination trial to assess the prophylactic efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity of GSK Biologicals’ herpes zoster gE/AS01B vaccine when administered intramuscularly on a 0, 2-month schedule in adults aged 50 years and older

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(GAUK 2013) Radio-sensibilization of MOLT-4 and SAOS-2 cell lines by DNA repair inhibition: Phosphoproteomic analysis of irradiated cancer cells
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(VZV) Whole varicella-zoster virus (VZV) genome sequencing of individual wild type and vaccine strains using GS Junior Benchtop System

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Co-investigators

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THE CZECH REPUBLIC GRANT AGENCY

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Zuzana Kročová
(GAP302/11/1631) The role of B cells during natural and adaptive phase of immune response against Francisella tularensis infection in mice

Kamil Kuča
(GAP303/11/1907) Novel inhibitors of acetylcholinesterase derived from 7-MEOTA – potential Alzheimer’s disease drugs

Pavel Boštík
(GAP304/10/1161) The role of virus associated cellular proteins in T-lymphocyte dysfunction

Aleš Tichý
(GPP206/12/P338) Phosphoproteomic analysis of leukaemic cells after irradiation

Jiří Kassa
(GAP303/12/0611) Neurobehavioral evaluation of potential Alzhemiers disease drugs

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THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS

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(LH11019) Correlation of expression of KIR alleles in NK cells in GALT and disease progression in SIV non-human primate model of AIDS  

Miroslav Pohanka  
(LH11023) Improvement of vaccination efficacy by cholinergic anti-inflammatory pathway  

Jiří Stulík  
(7AMB12GR038) Proteome analysis of the interaction of host cell with intracellular pathogen  

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(FR-TI1/292) Molecular diagnostics of bacterial antigens

RESEARCH AIMS

Jiří Kassa
A long-term organization development plan 1011 – Health problems of the weapons of mass destruction

Jiří Páral
A long-term organization development plan 1011 – Clinical fields
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