

Clinical Presentation

Veteran Surgery

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Secondary reconstruction of war injuries

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What is it?



Oxford English Dictionary

A. *n.*

1. a. The art of modelling or sculpting figures, esp. in clay or wax

1598 R. Haydocke tr. G. P. Lomazzo. *Tracte Artes Paintinge ii. xiv. 61* Carving is nothing else but a painefull imitation of Plasticke.

1624 H. Wotton *Elements Archit. ii. 107* Plastique is not only vnder Sculpture, but indeed very Sculpture it selfe: but with this difference; that the Plasterer doth make his Figures by Addition, and the Carver by Subtraction

B. *adj.*

1. That moulds

1. b. Of, relating to, or designating plastic surgery

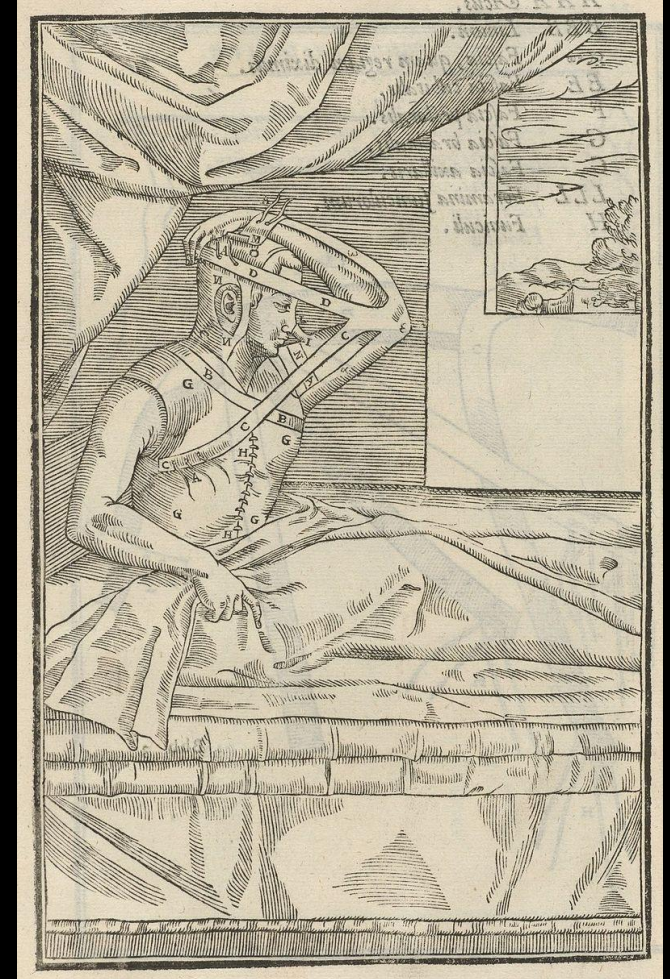
1837 *Lancet* 23 Dec. 47 Plastic surgery, a branch of surgery in which alone the operating surgeon becomes a real artist

Gaspare Tagliacozzi



De Curtorum Chirurgia per Insitionem 1597

"We restore, rebuild, and make whole those parts which nature hath given, but which fortune has taken away. Not so much that it may delight the eye, but that it might buoy up the spirit, and help the mind of the afflicted."



Harold Gillies

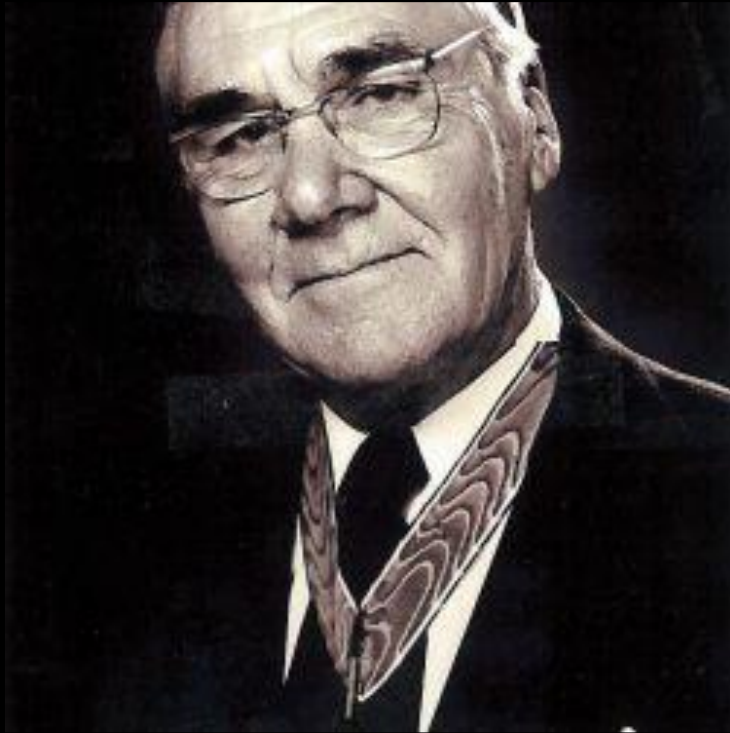


Plastic Surgery of the Face 1920

Archibald McIndoe

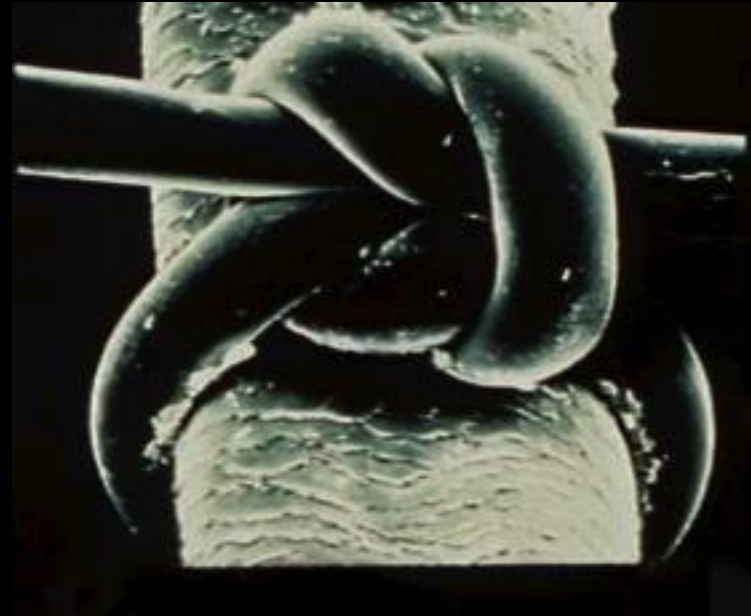
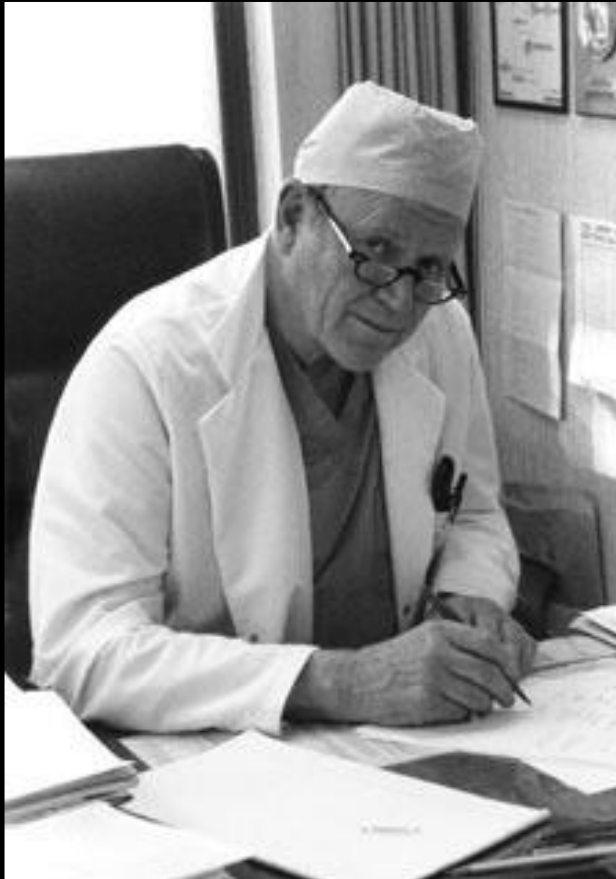


John Barron

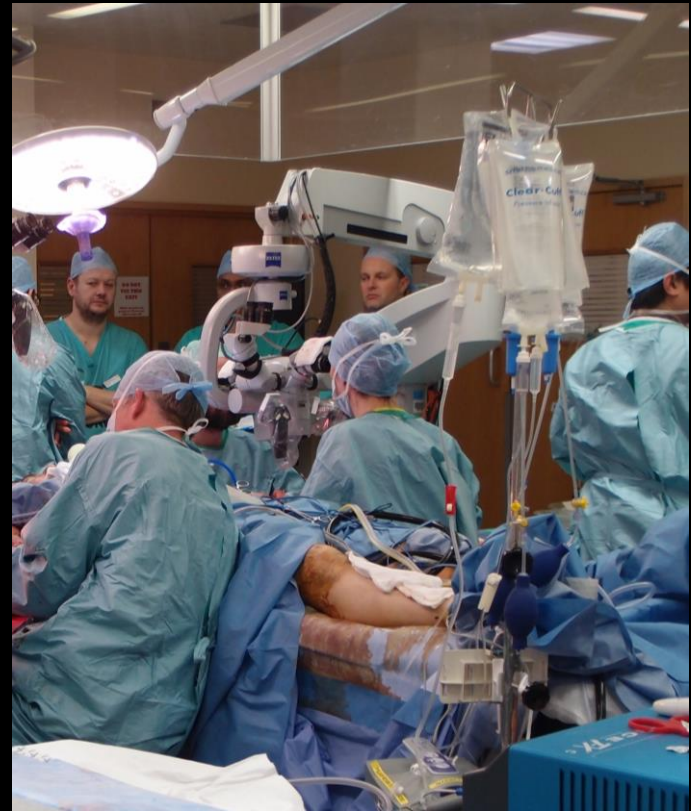


Operative plastic and reconstructive surgery 1980

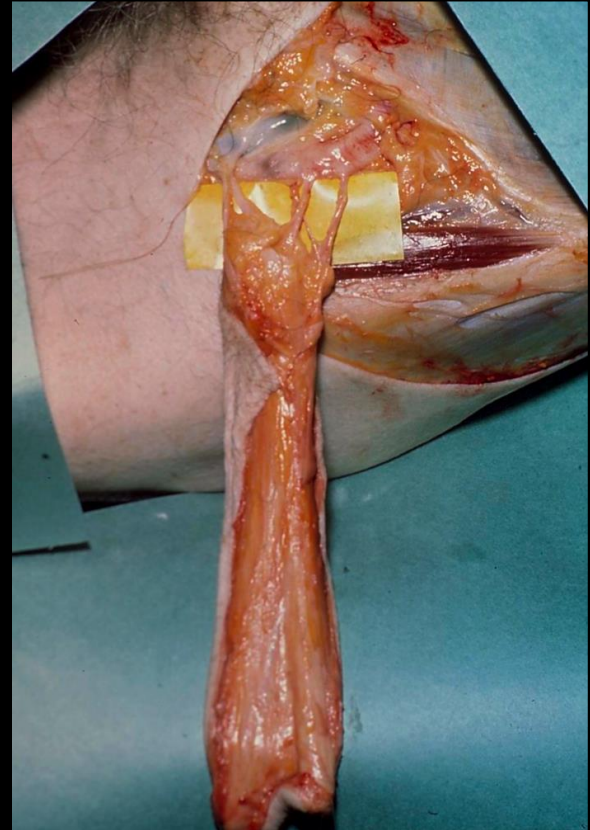
Harry Bunke



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Why is it needed?



Afghanistan

7th Oct 2001–31st Dec 2014

2188 Wounded in action

616 Seriously or very seriously injured

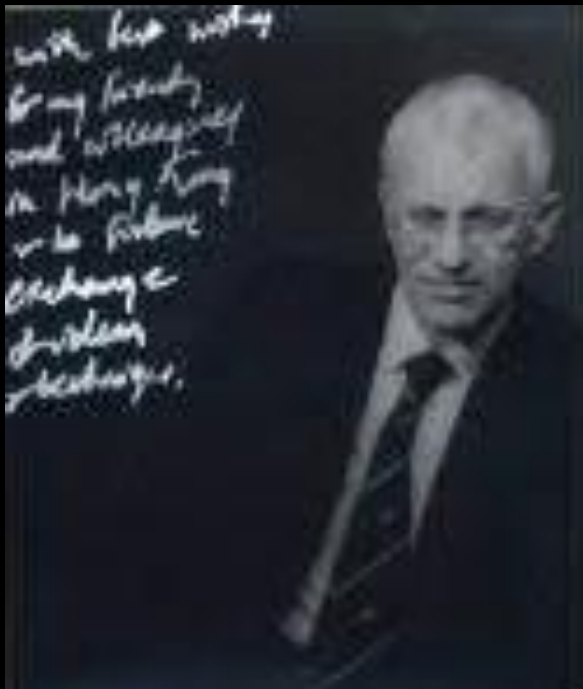
353 Killed in action

51 Died of wounds

302 Amputees

113 Significant multiple amputees

When does it start?



Surgical disorders of the peripheral nerves 1998

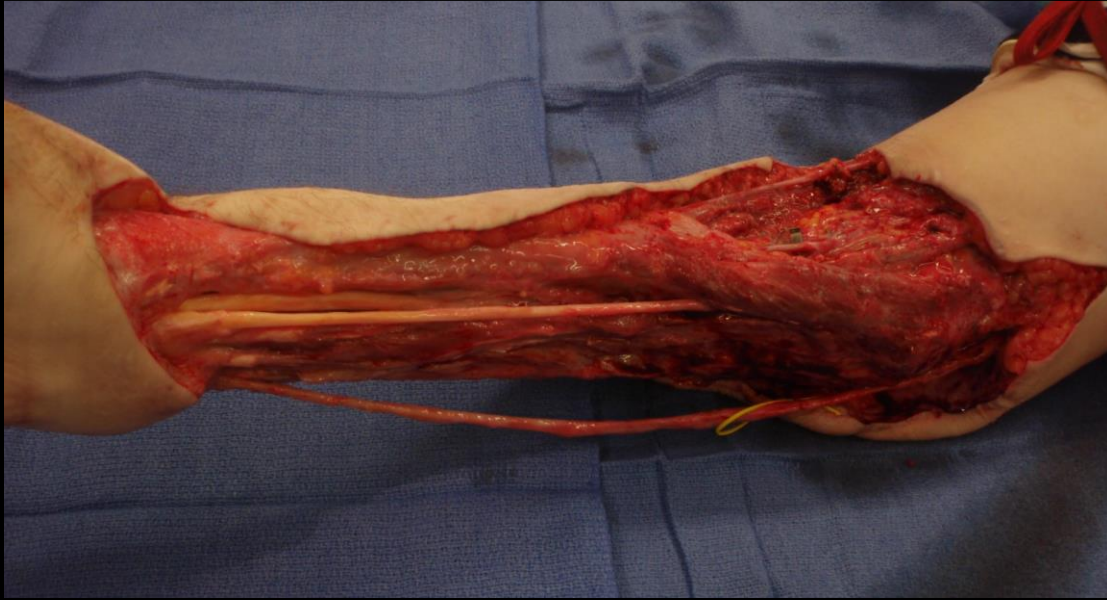
War Injury Clinic



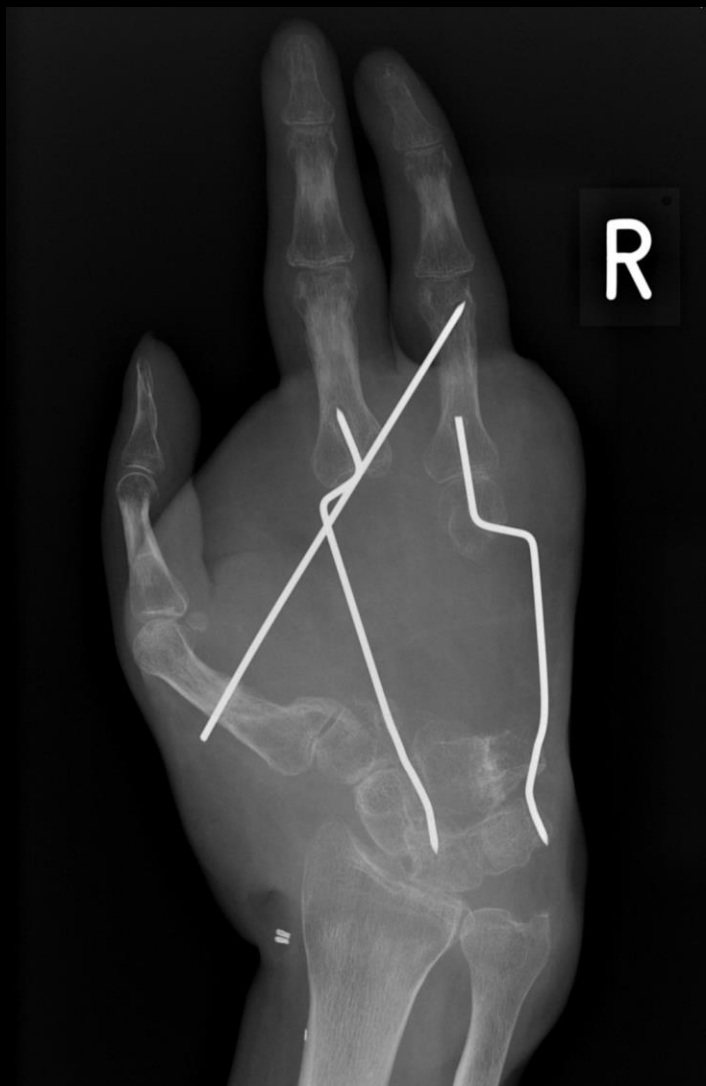
Veterans Trauma Network specialist unit 2017

What do we do?

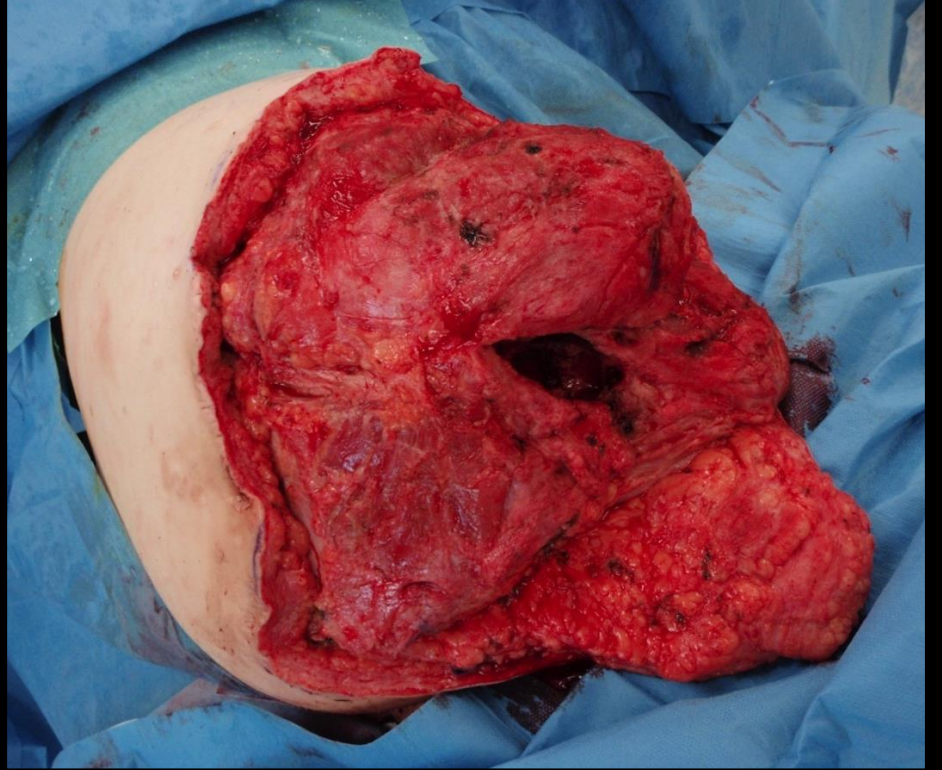


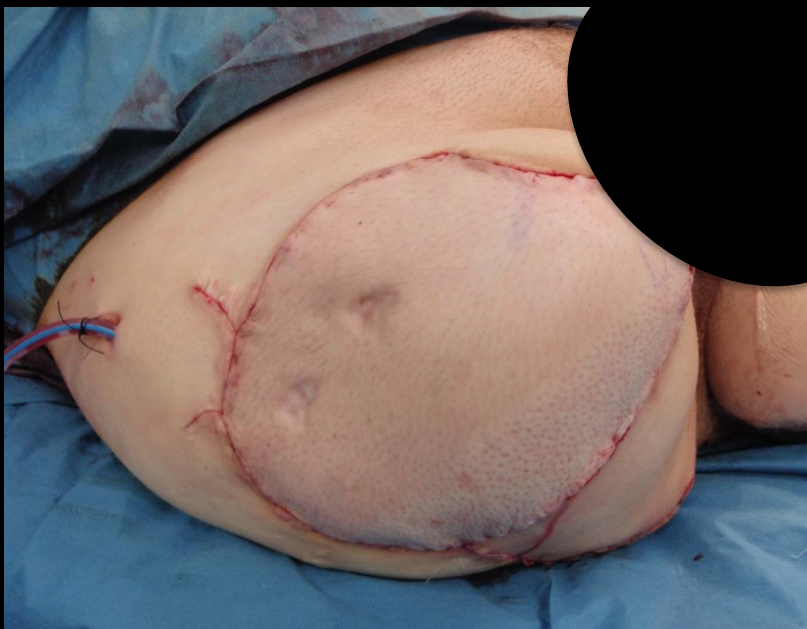










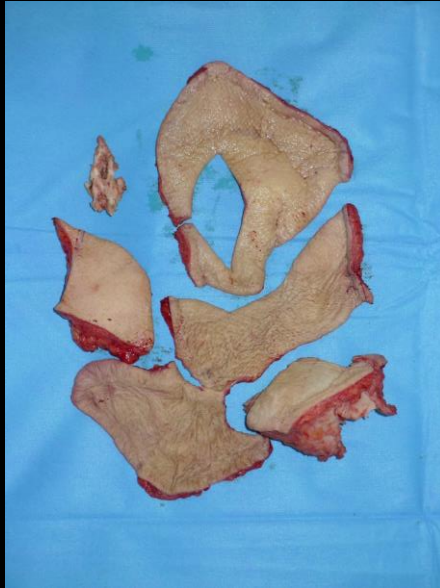
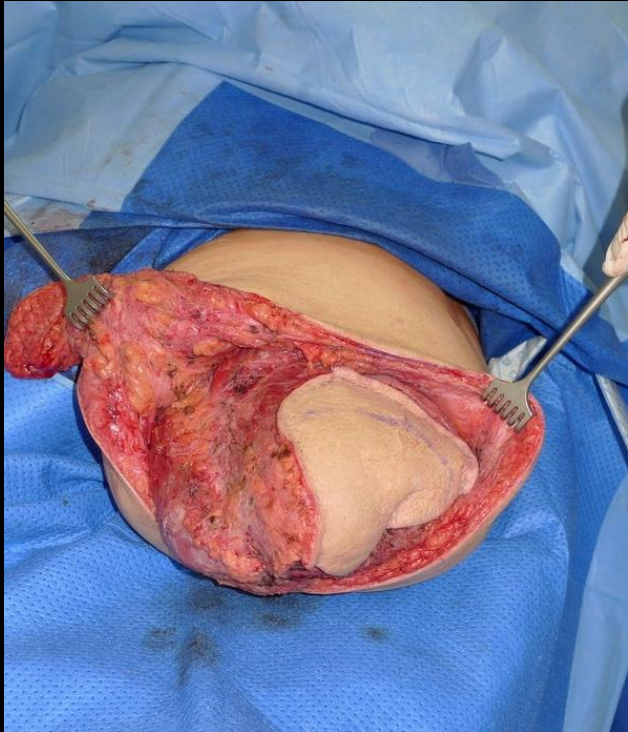


When does it end?







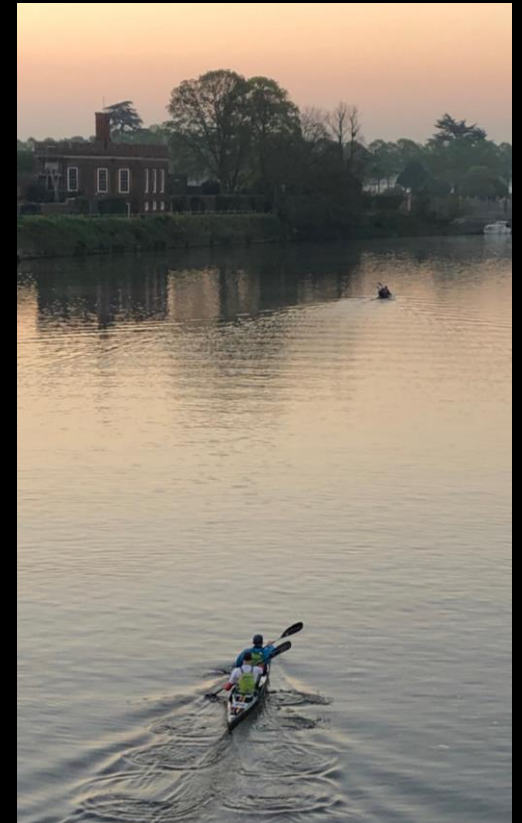




'back in the game'

What have we learned?

Secondary reconstruction enables progress with rehabilitation





‘A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a fair deal afterwards’

Theodore Roosevelt 1903

‘special consideration appropriate in some cases especially for those who have given most such as the injured’

NHS England Armed forces commissioning intention 2018-19

The Armed Forces Covenant

Launched 2011

Pledge

Enshrined in law 2021

Duty



The Armed Forces Covenant

Hospitals

Employer

Health care provider

‘should face no disadvantage compared to other patients in the provision of healthcare’

‘special consideration appropriate in some cases especially for those who have given most such as the injured’

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Salisbury

district hospital	240,000
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serving personnel and families	7,600
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regional plastic surgery service	3 million
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serving personnel	31,210
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veterans	56,919
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UK wide War Injury Clinic

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Defence Employer Recognition Scheme
gold award 2022

Veterans Health Care Alliance
reaccreditation 2022



The Armed Forces Covenant

Armed Forces Covenant 'special consideration'

mental health

physical health

cultural context

GIRFT 'reducing unwarranted variation'

expertise

The Chavasse report 'transfer of learning'

rehabilitation