

Army Medical Department Recruiter



Although the army had several recruiter badges in 1990, the Surgeon General wanted a distinctive badge when medical recruiters visited medical schools to show the recruiters were not associated with non-medical activities that were still unpopular following the Vietnam War. The Army Surgeon General Officer started a Procurement Division in 1972, and by late 1990 it included 48 active duty and 65 reserve officers. The badge, worn on the left pocket, was for these personnel.

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel approved the concept of a special medical recruiting badge in November 1990 and The Institute of Heraldry completed the design in June 1991. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel directed the badge be only in a non-subdued version, and the both men and women were to wear in on the coat left breast pocket or at a similar location on the service, dress, and mess uniforms, and on the shirt when it was an outer garment. This badge also replaced the distinctive unit insignia on the black pull-over sweater.

US Army Health Professional Support Agency directed the badge's use in a letter of 17 June 1991. Army Regulation 670-1 first prescribed this badge in the September 1992 edition. This badge continued to appear in the 2002 regulation covering badges although an army message of June 2001 indicated the standard recruiting badge would thereafter be worn by medical recruiters.