

Surveillance System for Diseases of Military Importance in the Royal Thai Army Field Operating Units

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To monitor diseases of military importance for the Royal Thai Army field operating units, a surveillance system has been developed and conducted since 1990. The system was primarily designed as paper based, passive surveillance using ICD10 comparable recording form, in which 32 diseases/symptoms of military interest are listed. Medical information from eighteen field operating units of four Regional Army Areas was recorded and submitted to AFRIMS by regular mail on the monthly basis. During the fiscal year of 2007 to 2009, the highest health problem reported in the second Regional Army area was malaria. Information acquired would facilitate the design of suitable health promotion program as well as an effective disease prevention and control strategy particularly for specific field operating area.

