MRMC Press Statement

The Department of Defense is pleased to be a part of today's press conference. The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command's regenerative and restorative medicine research efforts bring together the world's leading scientists and physicians from academia and industry to develop innovative medical solutions to fully restore our Warriors and civilians from traumatic injuries. Since 2009, the DoD's Biomedical Translational Initiative has funded almost \$4 million in face transplant research, focusing on medical research to repair individuals suffering from severe facial trauma. Face transplants, such as the procedure performed at Brigham and Women's Hospital, offer the hope of improved function and the promise of a better quality of life for our injured service members.