

Iraqi Surgeon General visits Fort McPherson

Health Systems Services Officer

BG Samir Abdullah Hassan, M.D., the surgeon general of the Iraqi Armed Forces toured Fort McPherson and met with leaders on post. While in Atlanta, Samir visited Fort McPherson to gain a better understanding of the medical support roles of the Third Army/ U.S. Army Central personnel, and also visited the Centers for Disease Control.

medical leaders to exchange information and aid the Iraqi governments' efforts to build its Armed Forces, he said.

At 39, Samir is one of the youngest general officers in the Iraqi Armed Forces. As surgeon general, he and his staff support the health of more than 160,000 Iraqi soldiers, sailors, airmen and Special Forces personnel. Samir was the first officer to apply for a direct commission in the new

Iraqi Army in November 2003. In his first position after joining the new Iraqi Army, Samir served as the senior medical advisor to the new Iraqi Army from November 2003 to June 2004 under the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team / Coalition Provisional Authority organizations.

“What a great opportunity to meet with and introduce Dr. Samir to our medical organization, Fort McPherson and the

Centers for Disease Control,” said COL Brian Lein, Third Army/USARCENT command surgeon. “We hope to support him in his efforts to build the medical capabilities of the Iranian Armed Forces and share our expertise.”

During his visit to the United

BG Samir Abdullah Hassan, M.D., the surgeon general of the Iraqi Armed Forces speaks with COL Brian Lein, and other health care professionals during his August visit to Fort McPherson.

States, Samir is meeting with the surgeon generals of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs in Washington, D.C. He attended the Advanced Technology Applications for Combat Casualty Care Conference in Tampa.