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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6220.14

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN CONTROL PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.23G
(b) BUMEDINST 5450.157B
(c) NMCPHC-TM-OEM 6720.7 of November 2010

1. Purpose. Reference (a) requires the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to review and provide technical and administrative guidance on the medical aspects of bloodborne pathogens (BBP). Reference (b) delegates this requirement to the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC). Reference (c) is the technical manual that establishes guidelines to minimize the risk of acquiring BBP disease due to occupational exposure.
2. Scope. Applies to all Navy Medicine personnel working in areas that encounter bloodborne pathogens. All medical and dental treatment facilities must follow this program in the treatment of their beneficiaries.
3. Background. All blood or body fluids (BBFs) are considered potentially infectious. Occupational exposure to infectious body fluids has resulted in the infection of health care workers (HCWs) with Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Hepatitis C Virus. HCWs routinely use standard precautions and safety needles to minimize the risk of infection caused by exposure to the BBFs. The references contained in reference (c) provide the current standard of practice and the applicable Federal law concerning occupational exposure to BBFs.
4. Policy. All levels of command shall implement and manage the BBP Program in compliance with the policies, procedures, actions, and guidance set forth in reference (c) available at: http://www-nmcpHC.med.navy.mil/downloads/occmed/BBP_tech_manual_11-2010.pdf.


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