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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6600.20

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: NAVMED 6600/16, ORAL PROBLEM LIST

Encl: (1) Sample Completion of NAVMED 6600/16

1. Purpose. To issue guidance for use of NAVMED 6600/16, Oral Problem List.
2. Scope. This instruction applies to dental health care providers in all naval medical and dental treatment facilities (MTFs and DTFs) ashore and afloat.
3. Background. Many patients have oral problems that must be tracked over an extended period of time. Documentation of the diagnosis, follow-up, and date resolved helps ensure appropriate continuity of care and is an important part of the medical-legal record of dental care.
4. Policy and Procedures
 - a. All providers of dental treatment in naval MTFs and DTFs must ensure that each patient presenting for dental treatment has a NAVMED 6600/16 in the dental record beginning with the first annual dental examination following release of this instruction. The form is placed in the record as a fold-up chart behind NAVMED 6600/15, Current Status and should be reviewed at the beginning of every patient visit. This form is to remain in the dental record for the entire service career of the patient.
 - b. Steps to complete NAVMED 6600/16. Enclosure (1) is an example.
 - (1) Caries Status/Risk: To document a caries risk status, enter the date of the assessment, indicate the risk or diagnosis, and annotate the requirement and interval for follow-up. Upon resolution of the diagnosis, indicate the date resolved under the Date Resolved column.
 - (2) Periodontal Status/Risk: This section is completed in the same manner as the Caries Risk Status section.
 - (3) Oral Cancer/Oral Mucosa/Oral Radiology Status/Risk: Use this section to document high and moderate Oral Cancer Risk, if applicable. This section is also helpful to document the presence of oral soft tissue lesions or radiological abnormalities requiring follow-up only.
 - (4) Tobacco Use Assessment: While querying tobacco use is an annual requirement, a full assessment, including prior use, cessation history, etc., should be made at initial accession and whenever tobacco use is initiated. This section is used to make this full assessment.



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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6600.20 CHANGE TRANSMITTAL 1

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Encl: (1) Revised page 1 of the basic instruction

1. Purpose. To correct a typographical error in paragraph 4a, referring to an incorrect form number.
2. Scope. This change transmittal applies to dental health care providers in all naval medical and dental treatment facilities (MTFs and DTFs) ashore and afloat.
3. Action. Remove page 1 of the basic instruction and replace with enclosure (1) of this change transmittal.
4. Retain. For record purposes, keep this change transmittal in front of the basic instruction.

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