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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE EAST  
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE WEST  
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA  
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE SUPPORT COMMAND

SUBJ: ORIENTATION AND UTILIZATION OF HOSPITAL CORPSMAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS (HM-8701)

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 1510.23C

1. This memorandum establishes Navy Medicine policy for the orientation and utilization of the Hospital Corpsman Dental Assistant (HM-8701). Dental Assistants play a vital role supporting Dental Officers in the delivery of superior dental care.
2. The intent of this policy is to ensure each Dental Assistant reporting to their first command completes Hospital Corpsman Skills Basic (HMSB) per reference (a) and the standardized Dental Clinic Orientation. Orientation will be documented utilizing NAVMED 1510/1, Competency Hospital Corpsman Dental Assistant. Upon completion of HMSB and Dental Clinic Orientation, they shall be assigned to a Dental Clinic for a period of no less than 6 months to increase their competency and proficiency as Dental Assistants.
3. Medical Treatment Facility Commanders and Commanding Officers shall ensure:
  - a. Each Dental Assistant, reporting to their first command, immediately completes HMSB and the standardized Dental Clinic Orientation.
  - b. Upon completion of both HMSB and Dental Clinic Orientation, the Dental Assistant will be assigned to a Dental Clinic for a period of no less than 6 months.
4. Regional Commanders and Commanding Officers shall implement this policy to ensure the orientation and efficient utilization of the Hospital Corpsman Dental Assistants (HM-8701).
5. NAVMED 1510/1 (06-2009), Competency Assessment Hospital Corpsman Dental Assistant, is available electronically at: <http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/default.cfm?selTab=Directives>.
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