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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5450.215C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5450.171C  
(b) OPNAVNOTE 5450 Ser DNS-33/5U838316 of 10 Aug 05  
(c) OPNAVNOTE 5450 Ser DNS-33/5U838364 of 29 Sep 05  
(d) OPNAVNOTE 5450 Ser DNS-33/5U838399 of 01 Nov 05  
(e) SECNAV 131451Z Jul 05

Encl: (1) Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Functions

1. Purpose. Publish Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) functions under the mission established by reference (a) and revisions established by references (b) through (d). This directive is completely revised and should be read in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5450.215B.

3. Mission. Ensure personnel and material readiness of shore activities as assigned by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for command; develop health care policy for all shore-based treatment facilities and operating forces of the Navy and Marine Corps; provide technical support in the direct health care delivery system of shore-based treatment facilities and operating forces of the Navy and Marine Corps; and manage the use of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, and other indirect health care delivery systems.

4. Status and Command Relationships. BUMED is a shore activity in an active status. The Surgeon General of the Navy (CNO (N093)) is an OPNAV Principal Official and serves additional duty as Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Per reference (e), all Naval medical and dental commands are placed under the military command of Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Chief, BUMED serves as the primary reporting senior and general court-martial convening authority for all Naval medical and dental Commanders and Commanding Officers.

a. The CNO exercises authority over BUMED as follows:

Echelon

Command and Support

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Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

b. Area Coordination: Commandant, Naval District, Washington, DC

5. Commanded Activities

<u>Echelon</u>	<u>Chain of Command</u>
3	Commander, Navy Medicine East, Portsmouth, VA
4	Commander, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Pensacola, FL
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Corpus Christi, TX
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Beaufort, SC
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Charleston, SC
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Cherry Point, NC
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Great Lakes, IL
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Health Care New England, Newport, RI
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Naples, IT
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Sigonella, IT
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital GITMO
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Rota, SP
3	Commander, Navy Medicine West, San Diego, CA
4	Commander, Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, CA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Lemoore, CA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, WA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, CA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Bremerton, WA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Pearl Harbor, HI
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Guam
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Yokosuka, JP
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Okinawa, JP
3	Commander, Navy Medicine National Capital Area, Bethesda, MD
4	Commander, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Annapolis, MD
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Quantico, VA
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River, MD
3	Commander, Navy Medicine Support Command, Jacksonville, FL (OIC, NMSC Det, Military Medical Support Office, Great Lakes, IL)
4	Navy Medical Education and Training Command
5	Commanding Officer, NSHS Portsmouth, VA

<u>Echelon</u>	<u>Chain of Command</u>
5	Commanding Officer, NSHS San Diego, CA (OIC, NSHS San Diego Detachment, Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, TX) (OIC, NSHS San Diego Detachment, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX)
5	Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL
5	Commanding Officer, Naval Operational Medicine Institute, Pensacola, FL (OIC, Naval Operational Medical Institute Detachment, Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute, Pensacola, FL) (OIC, Naval Operational Medicine Institute Detachment, Naval Undersea Medical Institute, Groton, CT) (OIC, Naval Operational Medicine Institute Detachment, Surface Warfare Medicine Institute, San Diego, CA) (OIC, Naval Operations Medicine Institute Detachment, Fleet Hospital Operations and Training, Camp Pendleton, CA) (OIC, Naval Survival Training Institute, Pensacola, FL)
4	Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center, Portsmouth, VA (OIC, Navy Environmental Health Center Detachment, Bethesda, MD)
5	Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Lab, Jacksonville, FL
5	Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Lab, Great Lakes, IL
5	Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Lab, San Diego, CA
5	OIC, Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 2, Norfolk, VA
5	OIC, Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 5, San Diego, CA
5	OIC, Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 6, Pearl Harbor, HI
5	OIC, U.S. Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 7, Sigonella, IT
5	OIC, Disease Vector Ecology Control Center, Jacksonville, FL
4	Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Logistics Command, Fort Detrick, MD
5	Commanding Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity, Yorktown, VA
5	Commanding Officer, Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command, Williamsburg, VA

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- 4 Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research Center, Silver Spring, MD  
(OIC, U.S. Naval Medical Research Center Detachment, Lima Peru)
- 5 Commanding Officer, Naval Institute for Dental and Biomedical Research, Great Lakes, IL
- 5 Commander Officer, U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5 Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt
- 5 Commanding Officer, Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, CA  
(OIC, Naval Health Research Center Det, Directed Energy Bioeffects Lab., Brooks City-Base, TX)  
(OIC, Naval Health Research Center Det., Environmental Health Effects Lab, Wright Patterson AFB ,OH)  
(OIC, Naval Aerospace Medical Research Lab, Pensacola, FL)  
(CO, Naval Submarine Medical Research Lab, New London, Groton, CT)
- 4 Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Information Management Center, Bethesda, MD

6. Action. In accomplishing the assigned mission, the Chief, BUMED must ensure performance of the functions in enclosure (1). Send recommended changes via the chain of command to the Chief of Naval Operations.



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## BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY FUNCTIONS

1. As the Echelon 2 command responsible for Navy medical services, BUMED performs the following functions:

a. Commands shore facilities as assigned by CNO in adherence with policies and direction from the Offices of the Secretary of the Navy, Joint Staff and Secretary of Defense.

b. Maintains cognizance of, and provides capabilities supporting Force Health Protection requirements to operating Navy and Marine Corps forces. Organize, train and equip medical forces to support the Combatant Commanders and service requirements.

c. Principal advisor on DHP health care issues.

d. Responsible for the health of Navy and Marine Corps active duty members ensuring they are physically and mentally ready to carry out their worldwide mission. Ensures Navy Medical personnel and material readiness.

e. Provides for health care delivery to all beneficiaries. Ensures acquisition and execution of health care resources budgeted for health services.

f. Provides graduate medical and dental education consistent with current professional standards of practice.

g. Directs and issues health care policies, directives and publications.

h. Directs organizational strategy to prevent, protect, respond and recover from threats or attacks involving Navy Medicine. Develops and maintains "defensive weapon" medical capabilities and technologies enhancing medical surveillance, detection and protection including biomedical research programs.

i. Implements guidelines and monitors application of entrance, retention and specialized physical standards examinations for Navy service.

j. Provides professional and technical guidance for design, construction, manning, and equipping medical assets; ashore and afloat.

k. Conducts inspections of medical treatment facilities (MTFs) and provides inspection assistance to Commanders within the Navy and Marine Corps.

l. Monitors Regional Commands' effectiveness and mission performance.

- m. Sponsors and coordinates the Navy's deployable medical systems (DEPMEDS), i.e., Fleet Hospital Program, and hospital ships (T-AH).
- n. Coordinates with civil authorities in matters pertaining to public health, disasters and other emergencies.
- o. Accomplishes other functions as assigned by higher authority.