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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6220.12C

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE AND MEDICAL EVENT REPORTING

Ref: (a) Sections 5131 and 5132 of Title 10, United States Code
(b) DoD Directive 6490.02E, "Comprehensive Health Surveillance," August 24, 2009
(c) BUMEDINST 3440.10
(d) DoD Instruction 6200.03, "Public Health Emergency Management Within the Department of Defense," March 5, 2010
(e) NMCPHC-TM-PM 6220.12
(f) BUMEDINST 5040.2C

1. Purpose. To define Department of the Navy (DON) policy and guidance for medical surveillance and medical event reporting. This is a complete revision and should be read in its entirety.
2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 6220.12B.
3. Scope. This directive applies to all Navy Medicine personnel assigned to any command within the DON. It is issued under the authority granted to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) via reference (a) to make health care policy for the DON.
4. Background
 - a. The monitoring, analysis, and reporting of significant medical events that may adversely affect mission accomplishment are critical to the commanders' ability to make force health protection decisions. These activities are essential for evaluation, planning, and implementation of public health practice, disease prevention, and emergency response as indicated in references (b) through (d).
 - b. The specific duties and responsibilities of Navy Medicine personnel relating to medical surveillance and medical event reporting are defined in Chapters 2 and 22 of the Manual of the Medical Department. For the purpose of this instruction, *medical surveillance* is defined in reference (b).
 - c. The specific responsibilities of medical treatment facilities to conduct surveillance, respond to public health emergencies, and to use the Electronic Surveillance System for the early notification of community-based epidemics, appear in references (c) and (d).

5. Policy. Navy medical event surveillance and reporting shall be conducted in accordance with reference (e), which describes the official electronic communication system and procedures for reporting unclassified, important public health information about identifiable medical events.

6. Action

a. Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center is the DON's medical surveillance hub and shall:

- (1) Determine DON's baseline medical surveillance and reporting requirements.
- (2) Represent Chief, BUMED at Department of Defense and Tri-service meetings where joint medical surveillance requirements are deliberated.
- (3) Maintain medical event surveillance and reporting procedures guidance in reference (e).
- (4) Evaluate the Navy's medical surveillance and medical event reporting programs periodically; and recommend policy, program, or system changes to Chief, BUMED.
- (5) Advance execution of this instruction by providing subject matter expertise to support Navy Medicine's training programs and the command evaluation program described in reference (f).

b. The Naval Medical Research Center shall ensure that its units notify Navy public health authorities of significant, reportable medical events that they encounter while providing laboratory support to any naval unit.

7. Report. The medical event report is assigned report control symbol NAVMED 6220-3. This reporting requirement is approved for 3 years from the date of this instruction.


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