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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: DENTAL HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Ref: (a) NAVMED P-117
(b) DHA-PI 6025.02, Vol 2 of 16 December 2021

1. Purpose. To update guidance for the use of NAVMED 6600/3 Dental Health Questionnaire. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.
2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 6600.12B.
3. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to all Navy Medicine personnel regardless of platform to include but not limit to commands, units, and operational activities.
4. Background. The health and physical status of dental patients, to include medical history, allergies, and current medications, must be determined and documented prior to providing dental care. As an important element of the medical-legal record of dental care, the initial and subsequent health questionnaires must be included in the service treatment record, per reference (a), chapter 6 and (b).
5. Policy and Procedures
 - a. All providers of dental treatment must ensure each patient presenting for dental treatment has a complete and current history of medical problems, allergies, and current medications. This should be updated at least annually or whenever significant changes in medical status have occurred.
 - b. Health history and problems, allergies, and medications will be documented by entering the information into the appropriate module of the current approved electronic dental record or by completing the NAVMED 6600/3 Dental Health Questionnaire as described in this policy. Other Department of Defense approved dental health history forms, such as DA 5570 Health Questionnaire for Dental Treatment, are acceptable for use.
 - c. When utilizing the NAVMED 6600/3, or other DoD approved dental health history form, the form must be completed, signed, and dated and then filed into the paper dental record or scanned and uploaded into the electronic dental record before providing any treatment, including examinations.

d. Steps to complete NAVMED 6600/3:

(1) Patient must complete the questionnaire and sign and date where indicated. For minors (i.e., under the age of consent or majority in the applicable jurisdiction) a parent or guardian must complete the NAVMED 6600/3 and sign in the patient's signature block. The parent or guardian must sign his or her own name, not the name of the child.

(2) A licensed independent practitioner privileged in the practice of dentistry (hereinafter referred to as "dental provider") must review the questionnaire with the patient and sign and date where indicated.

(3) The dental provider delivering or overseeing treatment should indicate health questionnaire reviewed (HQR) and, as applicable, updated by documenting such on the examination form or in the clinical treatment note. For example, "HQR (date) (findings)." The findings can be "within normal limits (WNL)," or will include significant findings which may affect the treatment provided. It is not essential to restate all positive responses on the NAVMED 6600/3 unless pertinent to the treatment.

e. NAVMED 6600/3 allows for the completion and update of the questionnaire by both patient and dental provider three times on the same sheet. Re-use of the questionnaire in this manner is authorized if no significant changes have occurred in the patient's medical status.

f. Whenever a significant change in medical history or health status occurs, a new questionnaire must be filled out, dated, and signed by the patient, and reviewed and signed by a dental provider.

g. The initial and subsequent NAVMED 6600/3, like all service treatment record documentation, must be maintained in the dental record. NAVMED 6600/3 is compliant with the Privacy Act of 1974 as long as it is filed in the dental record. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 applies.

h. For patients with medical conditions requiring clarification or consultation from the patient's medical provider, use the applicable local command protocol for seeking medical consultation. Documentation of consultation results are required to be annotated in the provider's notes in the dental record and in the summary of pertinent findings section of the NAVMED 6600/3.

6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the DON Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnv.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-InformationManagement/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Clinical Policy (BUMED-N10C2) will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense (DoD), Secretary of the Navy and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

8. Forms. NAVMED 6600/3 Dental Health Questionnaire is authorized for local reproduction and is available for download from the Navy Medicine Web site, <http://www.med.navy.mil/directives/Pages/NAVMEDForms.aspx>.



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