BUMED NOTICE 5700

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: SENSITIVE TOPICS

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 5721.3D  
(b) 5 U.S.C. §3109  
(c) SECNAVINST 3070.2A

Encl: (1) Sensitive Topics List

1. **Purpose.** To establish guidelines for the Navy Medicine enterprise regarding sensitive topics that require awareness from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Office of Communications (BUMED-M09B7) via the respective echelon 3 public affairs officer as it relates to public release of any authored work, as described in reference (a). This list is meant to provide guidance on topics that are likely to receive media attention or publicity, but this list should not be deemed all-inclusive. There may be additional topics that require higher review based on Congressional and media interest. Public affairs officers and publications managers should use their expertise and best judgement to determine what topic not included in this notice should be sent for higher review.

2. **Scope and Applicability.** This notice applies to Navy Medical Department personnel defined as active duty and Reserve Component officers and enlisted Service members, civilian personnel, contractors, Intergovernmental Personnel Act appointees, and experts and consultants employed per reference (b).

3. **Policy.** Authored work that relates to or involves any of the topics in enclosure (1) requires compliance with references (a) and (c), and must be reviewed at a minimum by the appropriate echelon 3 command prior to publication or presentation. Topics are not limited to those listed in enclosure (1) or references (a) and (c).

4. **Records Management**

   a. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at https://portal.seacnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx.
b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this notice or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.

Releasability and distribution:
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1. Abortion
2. Addiction (including substance, gambling, pornography)
3. Animal Model in Research, Use of (excludes rodents, rabbits (lagomorpha), ferrets)
4. Burn pits and environmental health issues from war and contingency operations
5. Chemical warfare
6. Contraception and sexual health
7. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
8. Detainee care
9. Disability Evaluation System
10. Domestic violence
11. Ebola
12. E-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and vaping
13. Emerging mosquito-borne illness and vaccines
14. Feres doctrine
15. Foreign or host nation joint military exercises, standards of care in foreign treatment facilities, and direct intervention (e.g., medical device or product testing) research involving foreign nationals
16. Global Health Engagement
17. Harmful Environmental exposures related to military work locations, deployments, and base housing
18. Hazing
19. Human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (excludes pre-clinical vaccine development unless it is tested on animals not previously excluded on this list)
20. Hyperbaric medicine for non-Food and Drug Administration approved conditions

21. Immigration

22. Issues related to the President of the United States, Congress, executive agencies, and Federal courts

23. Lasers (includes studies to mitigate the effects of lasers); excludes the use of lasers in medical treatment

24. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues

25. Live tissue training

26. Medical recruiting and retention

27. Mental health (including post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide, and substance misuse or abuse)

28. Military Health System (MHS) GENESIS and issues relating to changes to the electronic health record

29. Overseas contingency operations

30. Patient-centered medical home access to care as it relates to current policy

31. Physiological episodes

32. Pornography

33. Quarantine

34. Radiation exposure and mediation

35. Refugees (military treatment of…)

36. Research conducted with the Department of Veterans Affairs

37. Sexual assault and harassment

38. Traumatic brain injury (excludes pre-clinical work that looks at traumatic brain injury in either tissue culture or small animal (rats) models and not non-human primates or humans)

39. Water quality or water contamination
40. Women in Service or women in combat, gender integration, gender-related physical fitness standards, reproductive health of active duty and Reserve Component women, post-partum health related to readiness of active duty and Reserve Component women

41. Transformation of Military Medicine