



NAVY MEDICINE ESTABLISHES NEW NECs

An enhanced specialization that will contribute to a more agile and adaptable medical force capable of meeting the evolving demands of the maritime environment.

- In April 2025, Navy Medicine established two new Navy Enlisted Classifications (NECs)—**Emergency Medical Technician (L50A)** and **Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (L50B)**.
- The implementation of these new specialties enables Navy Medicine to readily identify and **leverage the expertise of Sailors** possessing nationally recognized emergency medical technician certifications. This, in turn, directly **supports the staffing and operational readiness** of the En Route Care System (ERCS) expeditionary medical (EXMED) platforms.



To obtain **EMT certification**, Sailors will be required to complete an accredited program recognized by the **National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)**.



PARAMEDIC TRAINING

- An initial cohort of **10** paramedics have completed instruction with **6** currently undergoing instruction.
- The Navy has partnered with **Fayetteville Technical Community College (N.C.)** and the **U.S. Army Combat Paramedic Program (San Antonio, Texas)**. These accredited institutions provide paramedic training and prepare students for the NREMT - Paramedic examination.
- To ensure a measured integration of this specialized capability, the Navy has implemented a **phased approach to admission**—25 (FY25), 40 (FY26), 45 (FY27), 33 (FY28), and 25 (FY29 and onward).



41 NAVY HOSPITAL CORPS SPECIALTIES

Search and Rescue Medical Technician (L00A) / Submarine Force Independent Duty Corpsman (L01A) / Fleet Marine Recon Independent Duty Corpsman (L02A) / Field Medical Service Technician (L03A) / Aerospace Medical Technician (L04A) / Radiation Health Technician (L05A) / Cardiovascular Technician (L06A) / Aerospace Physiology Technician (L07A) / Bio-Medical Equipment Technician (L08A) / Nuclear Medicine Technician (L09A) / Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman (L10A) / Preventive Medicine Technician (L12A) / Hemodialysis Technician (L13A) / Ophthalmic Surgical Technician (L14A) / Ultrasound Technologist (L15A) / Mammography Technologist (L16A) / Advanced X-Ray Technician (L17A) / Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist (L18A) / Optician (L19A) / Physical Therapy Technician (L20A) / Occupational Therapy Assistant (L21A) / Pharmacy Technician (L22A) / Surgical Technologist (L23A) / Behavioral Health Technician (L24A) / Urology Technician (L25A) / Orthopedic Technician (L26A) / Medical Deep Sea Diving Technician (L27A) / Deep Sea Diving Independent Duty Corpsman (L28A) / Mortician (L29A) / Histopathology Technician (L30A) / Medical Laboratory Technician (L31A) / Respiratory Therapist (L32A) / Dental Assistant (L33A) / Dental Hygienist (L35A) / Dental Laboratory Technician (Basic) (L36A) / Dental Laboratory Technician (Advanced) (L37A) / Dental Laboratory Technician (Maxillofacial) (L38A) / Drug & Alcohol Counselor Intern (700D) / Drug & Alcohol Counselor (700E) / **Emergency Medical Technician (L50A)** / **Emergency Medical Technician (Paramedic) (L50B)**



NAVY MEDICINE *FAST FACTS*



HOSPITAL CORPSMAN (HM) NEC MILESTONES



1910s

Beginning of HM specialization. First laboratory, epidemiology / sanitation technicians (preventive medicine technicians), and x-ray technicians courses at Navy Medical School in Washington, D.C.

1917

Advent of technician training at civilian institutions. Establishment of first "independent duty" corps school (Hampton Roads, Virginia.)

1927

First technician certificates awarded (laboratory and x-ray technician).

1928-1929

First aerospace medical technicians, dental technicians and deep dive corpsmen.

1930s

Start of hospital-based technician programs.

1942

First catalog of hospital corps schools and courses published.

1945

New enlisted job classification system.

Manual of Enlisted Navy Job Classifications

is first published (later known as the *Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classifications*). Fifty percent of hospital corpsmen serving are technicians.

1949

New Navy enlisted classification specialties established.

Hospital Corps is comprised of 62 NECs.

1980s-1990s

Consolidation / renaming HM NECs.

2017

Navy changes the Navy enlisted classification construct from numeric to alphanumeric codes.

April 2025

Hospital Corps is comprised of 41 unique NECs.

