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August 5, 2025, is Purple Heart Day. The Purple heart award has been given to 1.9 million service members who were killed or injured while bravely serving and sacrificing for the greater good. August 15, 2025, is National Airborne Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the nation's airborne forces. August 29th, 2025 (not pictured) is the Marine Forces Reserve Birthday which marks the founding of the Marine Forces Reserve.

NBIMC Change of Charge Ceremony – August 22nd, 2025

On 22 August 2025, NBIMC OIC, CDR Marshall Hoffman will be relieved by CAPT M. Joel Sklar. The Change of Charge Ceremony will take place at 10:00am at the USO Warrior Family Center in Bethesda. CDR Marshall Hoffman has demonstrated phenomenal leadership, effective communication and collaboration, fostered a positive work environment, and displayed inspiring efforts as the NBIMC OIC for the past 12 months. CDR Marshall Hoffman conducted various, important projects, yielding results which have increased the efficiency and effectiveness of NBIMC's mission, vision and values. NBIMC is incredibly grateful for CDR Hoffman's time and contributions.

As the Change of Charge approaches, NBIMC welcomes CAPT M. Joel Sklar as he prepares to join the team as the new NBIMC OIC. CAPT M. Joel Sklar is transitioning into NBIMC, leaving his current position as the Science Director of Naval Medical Research Unit (NAMRU) EURAFCENT. CAPT Sklar's immense background and skills in conducting infectious disease surveillance and studies of vaccines, therapeutic agents, diagnostic assays and vector control to better prevent and treat infectious diseases, will be highly useful and applicable at NBIMC. The NBIMC team sends our best wishes to CDR Hoffman as he continues his medical and professional journey and expresses excitement as we welcome CAPT Sklar.

Reminder: Include UIC(s) in Emails to CDD

Sites emailing CDD with questions, concerns, and/or requests MUST provide their site's UIC(s) numbers.

To increase comprehension and accuracy concerning an issue or matter involving a site, CDD requests that all site POCs send an email to CDD with their UIC # along with the question/problem at hand. Including the UIC # for corresponding sites will improve CDD's ability to define and address the matter with increased efficiency.

Please send all emails with questions, concerns and/or requests regarding your site to military@cddmedical.com.

HIV test status in MRRS not updated?

To request MRRS record update, please email dha.bethesda.Walter-Reed-Med-Ctr.mbx.nbimc@health.mil the Last, First Name and DoD ID number of any affected service member. NBIMC staff will review their results to ensure that tests resulted comply with Force Testing Requirements and update the records in MRRS accordingly.

To update a service member's HIV status in MRRS, NBIMC staff need a test result that is compliant with the Force testing requirements. This result needs to be from a **force testing HIV-1/2 AG/AB 4G.**

Please note that we cannot use civilian provider or (VA) result to update the HIV readiness in MRRS. HIV results from private/civilian/VA providers are not compliant with the [SECNAVINST 5300.30](#) and [DODI 6485.01](#). In these instructions, testing for HIV must be reported to the Defense Medical Surveillance System (DMSS) and the remaining serum must be sent to the DoD Serum Repository. The member will need to go to an MTF or a NOSC to get the appropriate test completed as indicated above.

New Changes to NBIMC HIV Notification Letters

Recently NBIMC has worked with the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) to implement changes to the previous "BUMED letter" which was sent to the Commanding Officer (CO) of service members newly diagnosed with HIV. NBIMC has decided to alter the previous "BUMED Letters" to include updated information and naming. The initial positive letters, created by NBIMC staff in the HIV Management System (HMS) are now named "HIV Notification Letters".

These "HIV Notification Letters" are directed to the CO of the service member living with HIV (SMLWH) who is under their command. Important information included in these letters consists of:

- SMLWH PII, Duty Code, and Command Location
- HIV Evaluation Treatment Location to be utilized by the SMLWH
- Processing steps and details concerning HIV Notification Completion and Monitorization
- Laboratory Result Information
- NBIMC POCs
- HIV Test Report Information

Please be aware of these changes and reach out to NBIMC at dha.bethesda.Walter-Reed-Med-Ctr.mbx.nbimc@health.mil with any questions or concerns.

Rejection Metric Reports

NBIMC has developed Rejection Metric Reports for all laboratory sites to track deficiency data. Reports from January 2024 to December 2024 are now available. Your site will receive an email with reports, please review your site deficiencies data and contact us if you have any questions.

POC Site Update

Reminders

The Center for Disease Detection (CDD) requests all POC's to inform CDD if/when they will be leaving a site. Additionally, POC's are required to inform CDD of any new POC's and/or any changes to the site's contact list. By continually communicating with CDD, all sites will remain up to date as staff changes occur, allowing for more up to date POC listings.

Please email Military@cddmedical.com; dha.bethesda.Walter-Reed-Med-Ctr.mbx.nbimc@health.mil with any POC site changes.

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Rejection metric Reports include:

- Total # of tests submitted per site/UIC
- Total # of rejections (D2-D9 deficiencies) per site/UIC
- Average percent rejects per site/UIC
- D4 reject totals broken down by D4 reject reasonings
- D1 COR errors & D1 COR % rejects per site/UIC

Site Specific Rejection Metric Reports are **available upon request**. Submit a report request via email to NBIMC Program Analysts:

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