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Commander Hoffman, Outgoing Officer in Charge (right) and Captain Sklar, Incoming Officer in Charge (left), Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center

NBIMC Welcomes New Leadership, Reaffirming Commitment to Readiness

The Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center (NBIMC) recently welcomed CAPT Joel Sklar as its new Officer in Charge, succeeding CDR Marshall Hoffman in a ceremony at USO Bethesda. The transition marks a continuation of NBIMC's critical mission to ensure medical readiness, protect the force's health, and provide compassionate care to service members. CAPT Sklar emphasized the enduring nature of this mission, ensuring service members remain healthy, ready, and protected.

Hoffman's tenure was marked by significant accomplishments, including overseeing 330,000 force screening tests for bloodborne pathogens, supporting evaluations for 80 new HIV diagnoses, and directing 64 medical suitability screenings for personnel with bloodborne infections. He also directly impacted individual cases, coordinating care and ensuring medical readiness for Sailors and Marines across the globe. These efforts directly strengthened Navy Medicine's operational mission to enhance readiness and protect the force.

Looking forward, CAPT Sklar highlighted the importance of addressing the stigma and fear associated with bloodborne infections, committing NBIMC to providing accurate information, protecting confidentiality, advocating for evidence-based policy, and ensuring that every service member understands that their health status does not define their worth or diminish their service. The NBIMC will continue to move forward with a clear focus, courage, and dedication to sustaining trust in Navy Medicine and safeguarding the health of the force.

NBIMC is located on the NSA Bethesda campus in Bldg. 17B.

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MRRS URL change and MRRS Customer Support Number:

URL: <https://mrrs-cloud.dc3n.navy.mil/mrrs/secure/welcome.m>

MRRS Customer Support (833) 637-3669

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.

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ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation)

To provide feedback or suggestions on NBIMC's service, please use this link:

<https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=151849>

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.

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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ai.marrero.civ@health.mil.

MHS Genesis Order Transmission Issues

For MHS GENESIS order transmission issues, you should contact the **Global Service Center (GSC)** at **1-800-600-9332**. The GSC is available 24/7 for technical support with the MHS GENESIS system.

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.