OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5450.215D

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Ref: (a) SECNAV Washington DC 131451Z Jul 2005 (ALNAV 055/05)

Encl: (1) Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Functions

1. **Purpose.** To publish Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) mission and functions under reference (a). This directive is completely revised and should be read in its entirety.

2. **Cancellation.** OPNAVINST 5450.215C.

3. **Mission.** Ensure personnel and material readiness of shore activities as assigned by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for command; develop health care policy for all shore-based treatment facilities and operating forces of the Navy and Marine Corps; provide technical support in the direct health care delivery system of shore-based treatment facilities and operating forces of the Navy and Marine Corps; and manage the use of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, and other indirect health care delivery systems.

4. **Status and Command Relationships.** BUMED is a shore activity in an active status. The Surgeon General of the Navy (CNO (N093)) is an Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) principal official and serves additional duty as Chief, BUMED. Per reference (a), all naval medical and dental commands are placed under the military command of Chief, BUMED. Chief, BUMED serves as the primary reporting senior and general court-martial convening authority for all naval medical and dental commanders and commanding officers.

   a. **Echelon** Chain of Command
      
      1. CNO
      2. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
b. **Area Coordination:** Commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington DC

c. **Regional Coordination:** Commandant, Naval District, Washington, DC

5. **Commanded Activities**

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Commanding Officer, Naval Dental Center, Camp Pendleton, CA
Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Dental Center, Okinawa, Japan

Commander, Navy Medicine National Capital Area, Bethesda, MD
Commander, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD
Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Annapolis, MD
Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Quantico, VA
Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River, MD

Commander, Navy Medicine Support Command, Jacksonville, FL
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Professional Development Center, Bethesda, MD
Commanding Officer, Naval Medicine Operational Training Center, Pensacola, FL
Commanding Officer, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, Portsmouth, VA
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Training Support Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX
Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, Jacksonville, FL
Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, Great Lakes, IL
Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, San Diego, CA
Officer in Charge, Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 2, Norfolk, VA
Officer in Charge, Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 5, San Diego, CA
Officer in Charge, Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit No. 6, Pearl Harbor, HI
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Entomology Center of Excellence, Jacksonville, FL
5 Officer in Charge, Naval Dosimetry Center, Bethesda, MD
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center, Bethesda, MD

3 Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Logistics Command, Fort Detrick, MD
4 Commanding Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity, Yorktown, VA
4 Commanding Officer, Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command, Williamsburg, VA

3 Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research Center, Silver Spring, MD
4 Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, HI
4 Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt
4 Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6, Lima, Peru

3 Commanding Officer, Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, CA
4 Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio, TX
4 Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research Unit, Dayton, OH
4 Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory, New London, Groton, CT

3 Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity, San Antonio, TX

3 Director, Naval Medical Research and Development Center, FT Detrick, MD

6. Action. In accomplishing the assigned mission, the Chief, BUMED must ensure performance of the functions in enclosure (1). Send recommended changes via the chain of command to the CNO.
7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media or format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

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Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Director, Navy Staff

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As the echelon 2 command responsible for Navy medical services, BUMED performs the following functions:

1. Commands shore facilities as assigned by the CNO in adherence with policies and direction from the Offices of the Secretary of the Navy, Joint Staff, and Secretary of Defense.

2. Maintains cognizance of, and provides capabilities supporting force health protection requirements to operating Navy and Marine Corps forces. Organizes, trains, and equips medical forces to support the combatant commanders and service requirements.

3. Principal advisor on defense health program health care issues.

4. Responsible for the health of Navy and Marine Corps active duty members ensuring they are physically and mentally ready to carry out their worldwide mission. Ensures Navy medical personnel and material readiness.

5. Provides for health care delivery to all beneficiaries. Ensures acquisition and execution of health care resources budgeted for health services.

6. Provides graduate medical and dental education consistent with current professional standards of practice.

7. Directs and issues health care policies, directives, and publications.

8. Directs organizational strategy to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from threats or attacks involving Navy medicine. Develops and maintains “defensive weapon” medical capabilities and technologies enhancing medical surveillance, detection and protection including biomedical research programs.

9. Implements guidelines and monitors application of entrance, retention, and specialized physical standards examinations for Navy service.
10. Provides professional and technical guidance for design, construction, manning, and equipping medical assets; ashore and afloat.

11. Conducts inspections of medical treatment facilities and provides inspection assistance to commanders within the Navy and Marine Corps.


13. Sponsors and coordinates the Navy’s deployable medical systems, i.e., fleet hospital program, and hospital ships.

14. Coordinates with civil authorities in matters pertaining to public health, disasters, and other emergencies.

15. Promotes and maintains ethical standards and conduct for healthcare and research of all disciplines in compliance with standards of Joint Commission, Code of Federal Regulations, and agency-specific directives.

16. Accomplishes other functions as assigned by higher authority.