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DEPOT ORDER 6710.3C w/ch 1

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: CONTROL OF DRUGS PRESCRIBED FOR RECRUITS

Ref: a) MANMED, Chapter 21 (NOTAL)
b) NAVHOSPBFTINST 6710.1N (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To comply with the provisions of reference (a) which establishes procedures for prescribing and controlling medications; to promulgate local policy relative to limitations on quantities of drugs prescribed by medical and dental officers; and to establish control of such drugs in the possession of recruit personnel, including recruits assigned to Medical Rehabilitation Platoon (MRP), Physical Conditioning Platoon (PCP), and Recruit Separation Platoon (RSP).

2. Cancellation. DepO 6710.3B.

3. Discussion. Recruit prescriptions for potentially dangerous drugs written by medical and dental officers should be dispensed in quantities such that the total amount, if taken at one time, would not constitute a lethal dose. To preclude a recruit from obtaining enough drugs to constitute a lethal dose the procedures set forth by reference (b) and paragraph 5 of this order are immediately effective.

4. Summary of Revision. The contents of this Order have not changed significantly, but it should be reviewed in its entirety.

5. Action

a. Prior to prescribing medications, medical and dental officers will exercise diligence in reviewing recruit medical, dental records and past history to ensure the recruit will not have in his/her possession at any time more, *An excess amount* of potentially dangerous drugs prescribed for him/her by medical, dental officers. *Generally, this is interpreted to be a three to seven day supply for most medications.*

b. This Order is to be considered as a safety precaution for recruits and should not be construed as setting forth restrictions or limitations contrary to the conduct of good medical and dental practice

c. Prescriptions shall be written for the medication to be taken at meal times and taps if possible.

d. Custody of all drugs prescribed for recruits on an outpatient basis shall be the responsibility of the Drill Instructor in 1st Phase of training and the responsibility of the recruit for whom the drug was prescribed during the 2nd and 3rd phases of training. When a recruit is assigned to Medical Hold or MRP, prescriptions will be regulated as follows:

(1) Medical Hold recruits will have their medications maintained by a member of the Medical Department.

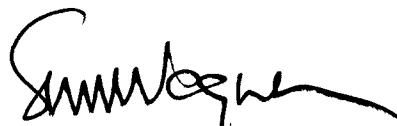
(2) The MRP Duty Drill Instructor will maintain the Individual Sick Call Slip that prescribes medications for assigned recruits. All medications will be in the custody of the Duty Drill Instructor who will make the medications available to the appropriate recruit at designated times. This deviation from the requirement of the recruit to be responsible for his own medication is necessary because of the lengthy treatment of infectious conditions requiring antibiotics.

e. Recruits' Commanding Officers shall ensure that:

(1) All drugs prescribed for recruits are in the custody of the recruit for whom prescribed except for deviations noted in paragraph 5d above. *They will also ensure all medications will accompany recruits dropped to another unit/company.*

(2) Recruits take medications as prescribed.

(3) Recruits do not have in their possessions any drugs other than those prescribed by a medical/dental officer.



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1. Purpose. To direct pen changes to the basic Order.


2. Action

a. Promulgation page, reference (b), change to read "NAVHOSP INST 6710.1N (NOTAL)."

b. Promulgation page, paragraph 5a, change to read: "Prior to prescribing medications, medical and dental officers will exercise diligence in reviewing recruit medical/dental records and past history to ensure the recruit will not have in his/her possession at any time, an excessive amount of potentially dangerous drugs prescribed for him/her by medical/dental officers. Generally, this is interpreted to be a three to seven day supply for most medications."

c. Page 2, paragraph 5e(1), add the following at the end of the paragraph: "They will also ensure all medications will accompany recruits dropped to another unit/company."

3. Filing Instructions. File this Change transmittal immediately behind the signature page of the basic Order.


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