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NAVDENCEN SOUTHWEST INSTRUCTION 3900.2A

Subj: CLINICAL INVESTIGATION REVIEW

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 3900.39B

1. Purpose. To provide guidance and establish procedures relating to clinical investigations per reference (a).
2. Cancellation. NAVDENCENS DIEGOINST 3900.2.
3. Scope. This instruction applies to all research conducted at the Naval Dental Center Southwest, irrespective of funding. It does not supersede requirements set forth by other DOD issuances or regulations. Its provisions do not apply to epidemiological surveys that are no more than minimal risk.
4. Definition. Clinical investigation is any research program, project, task, test, experiment, evaluation, or similar undertaking both in humans and by directly related laboratory work involving clinical problems of concern in the health care of members of the military community, including duty and retired personnel, and their dependents.
5. Policy. Clinical investigation is an essential component of optimum health care and teaching in the Navy. The Clinical Investigation Program (CIP) embraces organized inquiry into clinical health problems and is organized to meet the following objectives:
 - a. To achieve continuous improvement in the quality of patient care.
 - b. To encourage clinical investigation.
 - c. To maintain an atmosphere of inquiry consistent with the dynamic nature of health sciences.
 - d. To maintain high professional standing and accreditation of advanced health education programs.
 - e. To provide experience in clinical investigation for personnel who will ultimately be teaching in training programs, and who will serve as departmental chairpersons and dental specialty consultants.

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6. Review Committee. A Research Review Committee shall be established to insure compliance with reference (a). The committee will make advisory recommendations to the Commanding Officer and investigators on the merit, design, applicability, risk, and format of the proposed research.

7. Action. Any individual or group proposing clinical research shall submit to the Research Review Committee a research protocol. Once reviewed and approved by the command, research involving human subjects involving more than minimal risk or involving funding through CIP shall be forwarded on to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subject and CIP Committee, Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

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