

NAVDENCEN SOUTHWEST INSTRUCTION 6320.2E

Subj: CREDENTIALS REVIEW AND PRIVILEGING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6320.66B
(b) BUMEDINST 6320.67A

Encl: (1) Privileging Criteria (Specialty Specific)
(2) Privileging Criteria (Advanced Clinical Program)

1. Purpose. To provide a credentials review and privileging instruction per reference (a).
2. Cancellation. NAVDENCENS DIEGOINST 6320.2D.
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to all military (active duty and reserve) and civilian health care practitioners and clinical support staff (including volunteers), who are assigned, employed by, or contracted to this facility or who are enrolled in a Navy-sponsored training program.

4. Policy

a. Per reference (a), Department of the Navy policy is that all health care practitioners who are to be responsible for making independent decisions to diagnose, initiate, alter, or terminate a regimen of medical or dental care within the scope of their license or certification are subject to credentials review and must be granted a professional staff appointment with clinical privileges by a designated privileging authority before providing care independently. Practitioners must possess a current, valid, unrestricted license or certification, to be eligible for a professional staff appointment with clinical privileges.

b. Health care providers whose professional impairment or misconduct may adversely affect their ability to provide safe, quality care must be immediately removed from direct patient care activities, per reference (b).

c. Health care practitioners will apply for a staff appointment with clinical privileges in accordance with enclosures (1) and (2).

5. Responsibilities

a. Reference (a) outlines roles and responsibilities for:

- (1) Commanding Officer
- (2) Executive Committee of the Dental Staff (ECODS)

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- (3) Credentials Committee
- (4) Directors
- (5) Department Heads
- (6) Professional Affairs Coordinator (PAC)
- (7) Health care providers

b. In light of the size and complexity of this command, the professional staff has elected to use a Credentials Committee to support the ECODS in its execution of responsibilities for credentials review, privileging, and related matters. The Credentials Committee consists of the command specialty consultants, PAC, (a non-voting member) and Director of Clinical Services, who serves as chairman.

6. Action. Key individuals and committee members are expected to be thoroughly familiar with reference (a), including related guidance to effectively implement this program.

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Distribution:
List 1, Case 2

