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Subj: PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY PROGRAM

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 6600.5
(b) MANMED Chapter 6

1. Purpose. To provide information and instruction for implementing a Preventive Dentistry Program at Naval Dental Center, San Diego.
2. Background. Dental caries and periodontal disease affect over 90 percent of all active duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel. These conditions are reversible or controllable. Early detection, treatment, and the implementation of preventive measures in a timely manner will assure that dental disorders will not substantially contribute to personnel casualties during operational scenarios.
3. Program. Reference (a), establishes and implements a Navy-wide Preventive Dentistry Program which consists of:
 - a. An annual oral examination of all active duty personnel.
 - b. A topical fluoride treatment regimen.
 - c. Oral health counseling and evaluation of individual oral health preventive measures.
 - d. Coordination of therapeutic dental appointments for personnel whose dental health status does not meet minimal standards of military operational readiness.
4. In addition to those Preventive Dentistry Program elements established by references (a) and (b), the program will also include:
 - a. An ongoing protective mouth guard program within the command. Liaison with MWR to insure that a protective mouth guard program is available for sports participants. All branch dental clinics having prosthetic facilities shall offer to provide, as appropriate, protective mouth guards for active duty personnel engaged in contact sports.

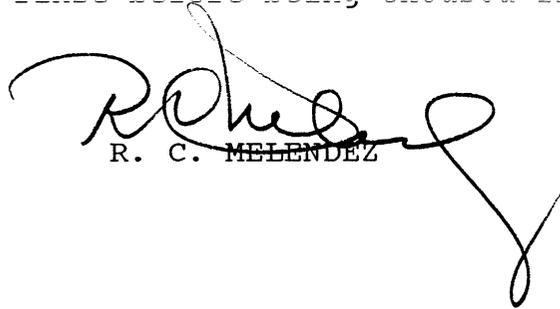


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b. A Children's Preventive Dentistry Program to be operated with funds as available, preferably in conjunction with the American Dental Association's Children's Dental Health Month.

c. Information on the Family Member Dental Insurance Plan for all family members of the active duty force.

5. Action. Clinic directors at all branch dental clinics shall be proactive in ensuring that the preventive Dentistry Program promulgated by the Secretary of the Navy is made available to eligible beneficiaries under their cognizance. Furthermore, clinic directors will encourage and assist active duty personnel in achieving compliance with this program. Upon their completion of other-than surgical treatment, all active duty personnel shall be afforded a fluoride mouth-rinse before being excused from the dental treatment room.



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