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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 6570.1B

Subj: STANDARDIZED HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN DRUG FORMULARY

- PURPOSE.** This Instruction updates the list of medications that Coast Guard Health Services Technicians may prescribe.
- ACTION.** All Coast Guard unit commanders, commanding officers, officers-in-charge, deputy/assistant commandants, and chiefs of headquarters staff elements shall comply with the provisions of this Instruction. Internet release is authorized.
- DIRECTIVES AFFECTED.** Standardized Health Services Technician Drug Formulary, COMDTINST 6570.1A is hereby cancelled.
- BACKGROUND.** Throughout their careers, Health Services Technicians are assigned to a variety of shore clinics or sickbays and afloat units, utilizing differing drug formularies. Unfamiliarity with the various drug formularies places an unnecessary burden on Health Services Technicians upon their arrival at new duty stations. The Standardized Health Services Technician Drug Formulary minimizes these differences, promotes consistency of patient care among Coast Guard clinics, and facilitates the training of Health Services Technicians.
- POLICY.** The Standardized Health Services Technician Drug Formulary lists medications that Health Services Technicians may prescribe without an authorized prescriber's (physician, dentist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, etc.) signature or countersignature. Authorization to prescribe other medications must be designated in writing by the Designated Supervising Medical Officer (DSMO) or Designated Medical Officer Advisor (DMOA) for Independent Duty Health Services Technician (IDHS). For purposes of this

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instruction only, the term “formulary” refers to the list of medications contained in Standardized Health Services Technician Drug Formulary (enclosure [1] of this instruction); “non-formulary” refers to all other medications. The following restrictions apply:

- a. All medications shall be prescribed in accordance with the Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1 (series).
- b. Health Services Technicians are only authorized to prescribe formulary medications for active duty patients. All prescriptions written by Health Services Technicians for non-formulary medications for all patients shall be signed or countersigned by an authorized prescriber prior to dispensing.
- c. Quantities of prescribed medications shall be limited to normal “course of illness”, usually a 5-7 day supply without refills.
- d. Consultation with or referral to a Medical or Dental officer is required should a patient, initially evaluated and treated by a Health Services Technician, return for the same problem.
- e. Formulary items shall be prescribed only for medical indications approved by the Food and Drug Administration and listed in the manufacturers’ package insert.
- f. Health Services Technicians performing underway on vessels may also prescribe additional drugs required for their unit’s active duty patients. Refer to Health Services Allowance List, Afloat, COMDTINST M6700.6 (series).
- g. Consultation with a Flight Surgeon (FS), Aviation Medical Officer (AMO), or an Aeromedical Physician Assistant (APA) is required prior to a Health Services Technician prescribing medication to aviation personnel.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. Commandant (CG-1122) will review the Standardized Health Services Technician Drug Formulary annually and update as needed. Recommendations may be made to Commandant (CG-1122) via the Health, Safety, and Work-life Service Center.
- b. Unit commanding officers shall ensure the Health Services Technicians review the Standardized Health Services Technician Drug Formulary annually.
- c. The DSMO/DMOA shall ensure that the Health Services Technicians for whom they are responsible are thoroughly familiar with the precautions, indications, adverse reactions, contraindications, and significant drug interactions of each medication listed in the Standardized Health Services Drug Formulary. In addition, the DSMO/DMOA shall ensure the Health Services Technicians are familiar with the Coast Guard Aviation Medicine Manual, COMDTINST M6410.3 (series), Chapter 12. The DSMO/DMOA has the option to remove items from the formulary as necessary, or terminate prescribing privileges for any individual. Any such restriction of prescribing privileges shall be

documented by an Administrative Remarks, CG-3307 entry in the member's Coast Guard Personnel Record.

7. PROCEDURE. No paper distribution will be made of this manual. Official distribution will be via Coast Guard Directives System CD-ROM. An electronic version will be located on the Commandant (CG-612) websites at <http://cgportal.uscg.mil/>.
8. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this instruction and have been determined not to be applicable.
9. FORMS/REPORT. The forms referenced in this Instruction are available in USCG Electronic Forms on the Standard Workstation or the Internet: <http://www.uscg.mil/forms/>; CGPortal at <http://cgportal.uscg.mil/delivery/Satellite/uscg/References>; and Intranet at <http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/CGForms>.

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**STANDARDIZED  
HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN  
DRUG FORMULARY**

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1. Liquid dosage forms of medications may be substituted when necessary.
2. Generic equivalents (FDA “AB”-rated) may be substituted for brand name products.
3. All products selected for Health Services Technician prescribing must be chosen from this enclosure, unless designated in writing by the DSMO/DMOA for IDHSs.

## **\*\* Important Preface\*\***

### **Note to Prescriber**

The Health Services Technician may prescribe the drugs listed in this Instruction (series) and the Health Services Allowance List, Afloat, COMDTINST 6700.6 (series). Additional medications may be prescribed by the Health Services Technician with written authorization from the DSMO/DMOA.

The two broad categories of medications are over-the-counter and prescription drugs. A good source of drug information can be found in the *Physician Drug Reference* (PDR) or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Online drug information for both over-the-counter and prescription medications can be found at: [www.gettingwell.com](http://www.gettingwell.com) and [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov). *Mosby's Nursing Drug Reference* is a required reference for all clinics and sickbays.

1. Over-the-counter (OTC): OTC refers to drugs not required by law to be dispensed on a prescription only basis.
2. Prescription drugs (Rx): Rx refers to drugs required by law to be dispensed by “written” directive for the preparation and administration of a remedy or medication.
3. Controlled substances (C I-V): Controlled drugs come under the jurisdiction of federal and state laws regulating their manufacture, sale, distribution, use and disposal. Controlled substances prescribed by an IDHS require a counter signature by a Medical Officer (MO). In the absence of a MO, the Executive Officer (XO) must counter sign all controlled substance prescriptions.
4. Policy: Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1 (series), Chapter 10 contains information of pharmacy operations. The Regional Pharmacy Executive (RPE) provides oversight for sickbay pharmacies.
5. Dosage: All medications contained in the Health Services Drug Formulary are listed as adult dosing.
6. Pregnancy: First, a Health Services Technician shall NOT prescribe drugs to pregnant patients without DSMO/DMOA approval. Secondly, it is most important to ensure a female patient is not pregnant before prescribing medications.
7. Allergies: Do not prescribe or administer a drug to a patient that is hypersensitive to that drug.
8. Comments: All medications contained in the Health Services Drug Formulary contain basic information pertaining to contraindications and precautions. Refer to *Mosby's Nursing Drug Reference* or other references for a comprehensive discussion of the medication.

**GENERIC NAME BRAND NAME****ANALGESIC PRODUCTS**

ACETAMINOPHEN TABS 325 MG	TYLENOL
ASPIRIN TABS 325 MG USP	ASA, ASPIRIN

**ANTI - INFLAMMATORY PRODUCTS**

IBUPROFEN 400 MG TABS, USP	MOTRIN
IBUPROFEN 800 MG TABS	MOTRIN
NAPROXEN 500 MG TABS	NAPROSYN

**ASTHMA PRODUCTS**

ALBUTEROL SULF INHALATION SOLN 0.083%	PROVENTIL/VENTOLIN
ALBUTEROL INHALER *	PROVENTIL/VENTOLIN
NEBULIZER, FOR ALBUTEROL NEBULIZER, HAND HELD	
SPACER DEVICE FOR ALBUTEROL	AEROCHAMBER/INSPIREASE

\*Albuterol inhalers should be used for the treatment of acute asthma or shortness of breath. It is not intended that the Health Services Technician be permitted to treat chronic asthma or chronic respiratory conditions. A medical officer should be consulted as soon as feasible for any patient requiring acute treatment with an albuterol inhaler or nebulizing solution.

**COUGH AND COLD PRODUCTS**

BENZONATE 100 MG GEL CAPS	TESSALON PERLES
CETYLPRIIDIUM AND BENZOCAINE LOZ	CEPACOL ANESTH LOZ
DIPHENHYDRAMINE 25 MG CAPS USP	BENADRYL
GUAIFENESIN SYRUP/DEXTROMETHORPHAN	ROBITUSSIN DM
GUAIFENESIN SYRUP USP	ROBITUSSIN

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OXYMETAZOLONE HCL NASAL SOL 0.05%	AFRIN
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE & TRIPROLIDINE TABS	ACTIFED
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE 30 MG TABS	SUDAFED
SODIUM CHLORIDE NASAL SOLN 0.65%	SALINE NASAL SPRAY/DROPS

**GASTROINTESTINAL PRODUCTS**

BISMUTH SUBSALICYLATE 262MG TABS	PEPTO-BISMOL
CHARCOAL IN WATER, 240ML	ACTIDOSE-AQUA
DICYCLOMINE HCL CAPS 10MG	BENTYL
DOCUSATE SODIUM CAPS USP, 100 MG	COLACE
HYDROCORTISONE ACET SUPPOSITORIES	ANUSOL HC
LOPERAMIDE HCL 2 MG CAPS	IMODIUM
MECLIZINE 25 MG TABS, CHEWABLE	BONINE, ANTIVERT
PSYLLIUM HYDROPHILIC MUCILLOID	METAMUCIL
RANITIDINE HCL 150MG TABS	ZANTAC
SODIUM PHOSPHATES ENEMA, DISPOSABLE	FLEETS ENEMA

**GYNECOLOGICAL PRODUCTS / CONTRACEPTIVES**

CLOTRIMAZOLE VAGINAL CREAM, 1%, W APPL	GYNE-LOTRIMIN
CONDOM, MALE	CONDOM

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

*HEPATITIS A VIRUS VACCINE	VAQTA, HAVRIX
*HEPATITIS B VIRUS VACCINE	ENGERIX-B, RECOMBIVAX-HB
COMBINATION HEPATITIS A & B VACCINE MAY BE USED AS APPROPRIATE	TWINRIX



*INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE	AFLURIA, FLUZONE, FLUMIST
*MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA VIRUS VACCINE	LIVE MMR II
*MENINGOCOCCAL POLYSACCHARIDE VACCINE	MENOMUNE-A/C/Y/W-135
*POLIO VIRUS VACCINE	INACTIVATED IPOL
*TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS	Tdap
*TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA	Td
*TUBERCULIN INJ USP	APLISOL, TUBERSOL
*TYPHOID INACT. VACCINE	INJ TYPHIM VI
*VARICELLA VACCINE	VARIVAX
*YELLOW FEVER VACCINE	YF-VAX

\*The immunizations listed here may be administered by a Health Services Technician as per authorized immunizations requirements.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

OXYGEN, MEDICAL	OXYGEN
GLUCOSE 40% GEL	INSTA-GLUCOSE

#### MUSCLE RELAXANTS

METHOCARBAMOL 500 MG TABS	ROBAXIN
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#### OPHTHALMIC PRODUCTS

ARTIFICIAL TEARS SOL, 15 ML	ARTIFICIAL TEARS
NAPHAZOLINE/PHENIRAMINE OPHTH SOLN	NAPHCON-A
TETRAHYDROZALINE HCL 0.05% OPHTH SOL	VISINE

**OTIC PRODUCTS**

ALUMINUM ACETATE/ACETIC ACID SOLN	DOMEBORO
CARBAMIDE PEROXIDE OTIC SOLN	DEBROX
NEOMYCIN/POLYMYX/HYDROCORT OTIC SUSP	CORTISPORIN OTIC

**TOPICAL PRODUCTS**

ALCOHOL, ISOPROPYL USP	RUBBING ALCOHOL
ALUMINUM ACETATE SOL TABS EFFERV	DOMEBORO TABS
BACITRACIN OINT USP	BACITRACIN
BENZOYL PEROXIDE 10% GEL	OXY-10
CALAMINE LOTION USP	CALAMINE
CLOTRIMAZOLE 1% TOPICAL CREAM	LOTRIMIN, MYCELEX
DIBUCAINE OINT 1%, W APPLICATOR	NUPERCAINAL
HYDROCORTISONE CREAM 1% USP	HYTONE, HC 1%
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE 3% SOL USP	HYDROGEN PEROXIDE
LIPSTICK, ANTICHAP 4.2 GM	CHAPSTICK
METHYL SALICYLATE/MENTHOL OINT	BENGAY
PAD, ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL 100'S	ALCOHOL PADS
PERMETHRIN CREAM 5%	ELIMITE
PERMETHRIN CREAM RINSE 1%	NIX
PETROLATUM JELLY, WHITE, USP	VASELINE
POVIDONE IODINE SCRUB USP, 7.5%	BETADINE SCRUB
POVIDONE IODINE SOL USP, 10%	BETADINE SOLN

SELENIUM SULFIDE LOTION 2.5%	SELSUN
SODIUM CHLORIDE IRRIGATION NORMAL	SALINE IRRG SOLN
SULFADIAZINE SILVER 1% CREAM	SILVADENE
SUNSCREEN PREP LOTION	PRESUN
SURGICAL LUBRICANT	SURGILUBE
TOLNAFTATE 1% POWDER, USP	TINACTIN
WITCH HAZEL-LANOLIN PADS	TUCKS PADS

**OTHER MEDICATIONS**

EPINEPHRINE HCL AUTO INJ	EPI-PEN
NALOXONE HCL INJ 0.4MG/ML	NARCAN
ONDANSETRON INJ 4MG/ML	ZOFRAN INJ
PROMETHAZINE HCL TABS USP 25MG	PHENERGAN TABS
PROMETHAZINE HCL 25MG SUPP	PHENERGAN SUPP
SCOPOLAMINE TRANSDERMAL PATCH	TRANSDERM-SCOP
WATER FOR IRRIGATION, STERILE	STERILE WATER FOR IRRG
DIPHENHYDRAMINE 50MG/ML INJ	BENADRYL
SODIUM CHLORIDE INJ 0.9%	NORMAL SALINE, NS
GENTAMICIN 0.3% OPTH OINTMENT	GARAMYCIN

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