

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. COAST GUARD

IDHS OPERATIONAL INTEGRATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

An Independent Duty Health Services Technician (IDHS) works outside a clinic setting supervised by a Designated Medical Officer Advisor (DMOA). The IDHS practices in consultation with the DMOA or Flight Surgeon when a situation is beyond the scope of technician health care. Dispensation approval is required as follows:

1. The IDHS enters the appropriate code in the block marked **request**, signs and dates the form and sends it to the DMOA.
2. The DMOA enters the appropriate code in the block marked **approve**, signs and dates the form and sends it to the IDHS's Command.
3. The Command reviews the dispensation request, signs and dates the form and keeps original on file.
4. This request must be renewed after a change in DMOA or as requested by the Command or DMOA.

Codes: **1 – Fully competent within defined scope of practice.** **3 – Not approved due to lack of facility support.**
 2 – Verbal or direct supervision required. **4 – Not requested or approved due to lack of expertise.**

DIAGNOSTIC COMPETENCIES

Request	Approve	Diagnosis and Administrative Process
		Take, evaluate, record medical history and perform physical exam
		Collect specimens for laboratory analysis as directed
		Order CLIA waived diagnostic tests
		Treat acute medical conditions within scope of competence and exercised judgment
		Prescribe medication IAW current policy
		Counsel patients on medical condition, use of medications, and expected effects of treatment
		Initiate consultation requests to DMOA and other health professionals within care system
		Initiate fitness for duty determination to include sick in quarters and limited duty – advise command
		Perform health maintenance for well patients (preventive medicine, readiness data tracking)
		Educate patients on wellness, safe sexual practices, and safety issues

MEDICAL COMPETENCIES

Provide initial evaluations; establish working diagnosis, treatment, and case management per accepted treatment and management standards of technician level health care as an IDHS.

Request	Approve	Medical Condition	Request	Approve	Medical Condition
		Otorhinolaryngological			Musculoskeletal
		Ophthalmologic			Headache (tension, simple migraine)
		Respiratory			Dermatological
		Cardiovascular			Dental Emergency
		Gastrointestinal			Behavioral Crisis Intervention
		Genitourinary (no digital exams)			

MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Perform clinical procedures per accepted standards of medical practice in the following:

Request	Approve	Procedure	Request	Approve	Procedure
		Endotracheal intubation/Combitube			Basic Radiographs (where available)
		Laceration repair w/ local anesthesia			Simple fracture/dislocation initial mgm
		Peripheral Venipuncture/IV therapy			CLIA waived laboratory tests
		Immunizations			

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Request	Approve	Competency	Request	Approve	Competency
		Basic Life Support (CPR/AED)*			Telehealth
		Emer. Medical Technician - Basic*			Physical Examination Prelims
		CPR/First Responder Instructor*			

Comments: [] Check box if NO comments.

I have competency in requested items. IDHS Signature:				Date:	
Disapprove	Approved	DMOA Signature:		Date:	
		Print Name:			
		Command XO Signature:		Date:	
		Print Name:			