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SUBJ: COAST GUARD ACCESSION PAP SMEARS

1. IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE OTHER MILITARY SERVICES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE, THE COAST GUARD WILL REQUIRE INITIAL PAP SMEARS FOR ACCESSIONS AT THE TRAINING CENTER CAPE MAY AND THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY AT AGE TWENTY-ONE. AT TRAINING CENTER CAPE MAY, PAP SMEARS WILL BEGIN FOR FEMALE RECRUITS WHO ARE 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO TWENTY ONE YEARS OF AGE (DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES).
2. FOR RECRUITS AND CADETS, THE SCREENING INTERVAL WILL BE EVERY OTHER YEAR FOR THOSE FEMALES WITH NORMAL CYTOLOGY. PROVIDERS CAN RECOMMEND AN ANNUAL PAP SMEAR FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS AT HIGH RISK FOR CERVICAL CANCER (E.G., FAMILY HISTORY) ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.
3. COAST GUARD MEDICAL PROVIDERS AT ACCESSION CENTERS CONTINUE TO BE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ADDRESS AND SUPPORT THE FULL RANGE OF WOMENS HEALTH NEEDS WHENEVER THEY ARISE.
4. REFERENCE A WILL BE REVISED TO REFLECT THIS POLICY CHANGE.
5. POCS FOR THIS POLICY AT HSWL SC ARE CAPT JEFFREY SALVON-HARMAN AT 757-628-4331, JEFFREY.C.SALVONHARMAN(AT)USCG.MIL AND AT CG-1121, CDR ERICA SCHWARTZ AT 202-475-5172, ERICA.G.SCHWARTZ(AT)USCG.MIL.
6. CAPT MAURA DOLLYMORE CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES SENDS.
7. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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