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SUBJ: COAST GUARD CHAPERONE POLICY

A. COMDTINST M6000.1(series), Medical Manual

1. Protecting the dignity and privacy of Coast Guard patients is paramount. All clinics and sickbays shall follow the chaperone policy as delineated in Ref A. Clinics and sickbays shall not establish separate chaperone policies. Patients have the right to request the presence of a chaperone during examination and treatment, unless, in the opinion of the Medical Officer, the risk to the chaperone outweighs the benefit to the patient (e.g., during x-ray exposures).

2. Chaperones shall provide comfort and support to patients during examination or treatment. All patients shall be informed of the availability of chaperones. Chaperones shall be of the same gender as the patient being examined. Any nursing staff member, Independent Duty Health Services Technician (IDHS), Health Services Technician (HS) or volunteer may serve as a chaperone as part of their duties. The Senior Health Services Officer shall ensure that chaperones have appropriate preparation to include familiarization with the procedure and basic Health Information Portability and Accountability Act training to enable them to carry out their duties properly.

3. The Health, Safety and Work-Life Service Center shall ensure the chaperone policy is adhered to by IDHS and HS assigned to Coast Guard sickbays.

4. POC for related questions at COMDT (CG-1121) is CDR Gerald Taylor, 202-475-5211, Gerald.N.Taylor(AT)uscg.mil.

5. CAPT Erica G. Schwartz, Chief, Health Services sends.

6. Internet release is authorized.

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