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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION 6010.6

From: Medical Officer  
To: Medical Department Personnel

Subj: Wards; operation and maintenance of

1. Purpose. The purpose of this instruction is to establish regulations governing the operation and maintenance of all Sick Bay Wards except the Medical Maximum Security Rooms.

2. Responsibility.

a. The Hospital Corpsman assigned to the Main Ward shall be responsible to the Leading Petty Officer for the maintenance and cleanliness of all ward spaces.

b. The Hospital Corpsman assigned to the main ward shall be responsible to the Medical Officer for the proper care and treatment of all patients. He will assign cleaning details to ambulatory patients unless otherwise directed by the Medical Officer.

3. General.

a. The Hospital Corpsman assigned shall insure that all personnel detailed to assist him are properly informed regarding the operation and maintenance of the wards. He shall be responsible for all care and treatment administered by them.

b. TPR's shall be taken and recorded every four hours during the day on all patients unless otherwise specified by the Medical Officer.

c. The Hospital Corpsman assigned shall accompany the Medical Officer on ward rounds daily when held. He shall provide the necessary diagnostic instruments, clinical records and any other items required by the Medical Officer.

d. Regular diets for the troops will be procured from the Troop Mess. All other diets and special diets will be procured from the Main Galley.

e. Clinical Records will be made up and kept up to date on all patients admitted to the wards.

f. The Ward Corpsman shall be responsible for maintaining sufficient supplies and equipment in the ward spaces. He shall not replenish his supplies or acquire instruments from other spaces without first consulting the individual in charge of that space.

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5. Duty Section. The responsibility of the duty section shall be as follows in regard to the wards.

- a. Relieve the Ward Corpsman when the watch is set.
- b. The duty corpsman shall be responsible for proper care and treatment of all patients when on duty.
- c. The Duty Corpsman shall maintain the ward and all records in a neat and orderly manner.
- d. The Duty Corpsman shall insure that all medications are administered and recorded properly on all patients.

  
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