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SUBJECT: Insignia and Devices Policy

The Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) has reviewed the proposed replacement of the Commissioned Corps Issuance CC26.3.2 titled "Insignia and Devices", which prescribed the insignia and devices for wear with our uniforms and their proper placement. The PharmPAC supports this policy and offers the following comments:

1. The photographs are of poor quality in representing the devices and insignia. We understand that the copy being distributed for comment is an electronically scanned version, but it is difficult even making out what some of the pictures were. As this instruction is intended to provide a "one-stop" approach for information on uniforms, we recommend creating new digital photographs for inclusion in the final version that will provide clear unambiguous details of the devices and insignia described.
2. We recommend addressing the metal grade insignia with the command ball-cap in the document.
3. We recommend including information on the size of the buttons for Service Dress Blue and the refer along with pictures. This is useful guidance when swapping out the Navy buttons to PHS insignia buttons for these uniforms.
4. We should have our own uniform and our own identity instead of pursuing a DOD service, which has a much different mission than ours. We recommend have a our own uniform as well as one uniform manual.
5. 6-3-C: In the second sentence the word "In" is missing. The line should read "... in the appendix". Within the same paragraph, special attention needs to be paid to the shoulder seam. Many of which are sewn at an angle. Thus the device should be worn 3/4" from the center of the seam.

6. 6-4-A-(2): Why is only the navy coverall mentioned for proper placement of Corps and Rank Devices? Should the BDU not also be included?

Or in Section 8-1 should the instruction simply reference that these uniforms are referenced in CC26.3.7 (Special Uniform Situations)

7. 6-5-B & 6-5-B-(2)/(3): The term “Scrambled Eggs” is defined differently.
 - 6-5-B describes it as appropriate ornamentation
 - 6-5-B-(2)/(3) describes it as gold oak leaves and acorns
8. 6-5-D: The Beret should be described as “Female Only”.
9. The Coverall is referenced in:
 - INST 421.01 Uniforms for Male Officers
 - INST 421.02 Uniforms for Female Officers
 - POM 08-006 Uniforms for Officers Deployed with Navy

Within INST 421.01 and 421.02 the coverall all uniform has Name and USPHS Tapes as prescribed items but does not expand on the proper look (i.e. Gold Thread).

The coverall is also not currently included in INST 413.01 Special Uniform Situations, which expands in depth into proper wear of the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU).