

HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE RISK COUNSELING FOR FEMALE SUBMARINERS AND SUBMARINE CANDIDATES

Subj: INFORMED CONSENT FOR FEMALE SUBMARINE SAILORS

1. Submarines do not possess medical departments with the organic capability to definitively treat obstetric emergencies and cannot assure transfer of persons needing such care within six hours. In addition, to minimize exposure of the fetus to the submarine environment, pregnant women should not be permitted on board submarines at sea.

Therefore, in accordance with OPNAVINST 6000.1C:

- a. Active duty female submarine Sailors are obligated to self-identify their pregnancy to their medical department representative.
- b. Active duty female submarine Sailors who are pregnant will NOT get underway on submarines.
- c. Active duty female submarine Sailors who believe they might be pregnant should not get underway until their status has been determined.
- d. Active duty female submarine Sailors who discover they are pregnant while underway will be evacuated from the ship as soon as practicable.

2. The below named individual has volunteered for submarine duty. The health and reproductive risks posed to women by the submarine environment, if any, are largely unknown but thought to be small. Research has been conducted to detect potential risks that may exist. Of what is known, the best available science suggests that a carbon dioxide (CO₂) level exceeding 8000 parts per million (ppm) for more than 24 hours may not be safe for fetal development during pregnancy. While underway on a submarine, the potential exists for exceeding a CO₂ level of 8000 ppm for a prolonged period of time (greater than 24 hours).

3. The below named individual verifies that she has been informed of the above.

PRINT NAME (Last, First, Middle) _____

Grade/Rate _____

Signature _____

Date _____

INSTRUCTION GIVEN THIS DATE BY:

PRINT NAME (Last, First, Middle) _____

Grade/Rate _____

Signature _____

Date _____

PATIENT'S IDENTIFICATION
(Use this space for mechanical imprint)

PATIENT'S NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		SEX FEMALE
SSN / IDENTIFICATION NO.	STATUS ACTIVE DUTY	RANK/GRADE
RECORDS MAINTAINED AT		DATE OF BIRTH