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CHAPTER 9. SEXUAL STERILIZATION AND ABORTION

9.01 NONTHERAPEUTIC SEXUAL STERILIZATION OR ABORTION

Nontherapeutic sexual sterilization (such as a vasectomy or tubal ligation) or abortions will *not* be performed at a VA hospital, other VA facility, or elsewhere at VA expense.

9.02 THERAPEUTIC SEXUAL STERILIZATION OR ABORTION

a. The need for a *therapeutic* sexual sterilization or abortion as a proper treatment for, or correction of, a disability will be determined by a board of not less than three physicians, designated by the Chief of Staff of the VA hospital, or physician acting for the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff may be appointed as chairperson of the board. One of the physicians will be the qualified specialist who will perform or supervise the operation or procedure. If the patient is a female, one member of the board will be a gynecologist or obstetrician. A psychiatrist will be a member of the board when the operation or procedure is considered to be therapeutic for a psychiatric disability. All members of the board need not be VA physicians, but the chairperson in all instances will be a VA physician.

b. Written informed consent will be obtained from the patient if competent to give it, otherwise from someone legally authorized to give consent for the patient, unless immediate operation is necessary to save the patient's life or health. When the operation is likely to destroy the ability to procreate, the consequences of the surgery on the reproductive function will be clearly brought to the attention of the patient and the spouse by a VA physician. In all elective cases, except as provided in subparagraph c below, questions of consent regarding all such procedures will be referred to the District Counsel to insure compliance with State laws.

c. Where the accepted operative procedure, such as a prostatectomy or a hysterectomy, includes sterilization, referral to a board and to the VA District Counsel will not be required.

d. Except in emergencies when the patient cannot be moved without danger to life, a therapeutic abortion will *not* be performed on VA premises, but will be performed at an appropriate non-VA facility, and may be at VA expense.

*Partially
reversible
see VIII A DIR 1102.2
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COMPLICATIONS OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES		REPORTS CONTROL SYMBOL 10CS - 14		
NAME AND LOCATION OF PREPARING STATION VA Hospital City, State		DMAS 7-DIGIT STATION CODE		
REPORT COMPILED BY (Signature of Chief, Surgical Services)		REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING April 30, 1965		
TO Department of Medicine & Surgery (10F815) Veterans Administration Central Office Washington, D.C. 20420				
NOTE: List as many patients as possible on one sheet, separating data for individual patients by ruled horizontal lines. If more than one page is required, attach continuation sheets and number them as page two, three, etc.				
COMPLICATIONS ENCOUNTERED (A)	PATIENT'S LAST NAME AND UNIT NO. (B)	OPERATION PERFORMED (C)	TREATMENT INSTITUTED (D)	OUTCOME TO DATE (Improved, unimproved, cured, or died) (E)
A. Wound Dehiscence	Smith R #34287	Umbilical herniorrhaphy	Primary closure	Cured
B. Pulmonary Atelectasis	Jones R #14201	Appendectomy	Bronchoscopy Antibiotics	Cured
C. Cardiac & Vascular Gastrointestinal bleeding	Brown R #8391	Subtotal gastrectomy	Blood transfusion Supportive	Improved
D. Other Hypoparathyroidism	Green R #162412	Radical neck Dissection & total thyroidectomy	Calcium orally Vitamin D. Parathormone	Improved

Figure 2. VA Form 10-7396a, Complications of Surgical Procedures

[(Figs. 1 and 4 deleted by change 13.)]

COMPLICATIONS OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES - CONTINUATION SHEET				
NAME AND LOCATION OF PREPARING STATION VA Hospital		REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING April 30, 1965		
COMPLICATIONS ENCOUNTERED (A)	PATIENT'S LAST NAME AND IDENTIFICATION NO. (B)	OPERATION PERFORMED (C)	TREATMENT INSTITUTED (D)	OUTCOME TO DATE (Improved, unimproved, cured, or died) (E)
E. Other Jaundice	White R #3684	Bilateral orchiectomy Prostatectomy	Medical	Improved

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Figure 3. VA Form 10-7396b, Complications of Surgical Procedures--
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**ELECTIVE STERILIZATION
(TUBAL LIGATION AND VASECTOMY)**

- 1. REASON FOR ISSUE:** This is a change to Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive 1102.2, which revises the policy on elective sterilization contained in M-2, Part XIV, Change 27.
- 2. MAJOR CHANGE:** Change 1 adds the word “consent” to paragraph 3 of the Directive.
- 3. RELATED ISSUE:** None.
- 4. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** Director, Women Veterans Health Program (133) is responsible for the content of this directive. Questions are to be addressed to the Women Veterans Health Program (202) 273-8577.
- 5. DOCUMENT RESCINDED:** M-2, Part XIV, Chapter 9, combines the policy issues of sterilization and abortion. This Directive and its change deal only with the issue of sterilization, and only that part of M-2, Part XIV, Chapter 9 is rescinded.
- 6. RECERTIFICATION:** This document is scheduled for recertification on or before the last working day in January 2004.

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**ELECTIVE STERILIZATION
(TUBAL LIGATION AND VASECTOMY)**

1. REASON FOR ISSUE: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive revises policy on elective sterilization contained in M-2, Part XIV, Change 27.

2. MAJOR CHANGE

a. VA will provide elective sterilization (e.g., vasectomy or tubal ligation procedures) when requested by the patient and approved by the patient's physician.

b. M-2, Part XIV, Chapter 9, combines the policy issues of sterilization and abortion. This Directive deals only with the issue of sterilization, and only that part of M-2, Part XIV, Chapter 9 is rescinded.

3. RELATED ISSUE: None.

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Part XIV, "Surgical Service," VA Department of Medicine and Surgery Manual M-2, "Professional Services," is changed as follows:

NOTE: The purpose of this change is to rescind Interim Issue 10-72-4, "Nontherapeutic Sexual Sterilization or Abortion" and add Chapter 9, "Sexual Sterilization or Abortion."

- ✓ Page iii, paragraph 1b: Add "II 10-72-4".
- ✓ Pages v and vi: Remove these pages and substitute pages v and vi attached. (Contents changed.)
- ✓ Page 9-1: Insert this page attached. (Ch. 9 added.)
- ✓ RESCISSION: Interim Issue 10-72-4.



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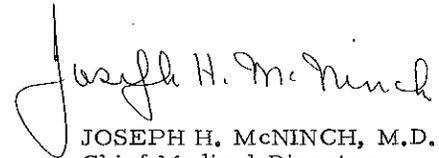
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NOTE: Chapter 5 is revised to provide a uniform means for summarizing specific activities relating to surgery and anesthesiology in order to serve the professional needs of Central Office.

✓ Pages iii through v: Remove these pages and substitute pages iii through vi attached. (Contents pages brought up to date.)

chg 15 ✓ Page 1, paragraph 1.02a(2)(a) (annotation made by change 2): Delete "paragraph 1.05b" and insert "paragraph 2.08e(2)".

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