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# **Advancement Handbook for HOSPITAL CORPSMAN**



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## **PREFACE**

The purpose of the Advancement Handbook is to assist Hospital Corpsman in studying for Navywide advancement-in-rating examinations. The bibliographies (BIBs) together with this handbook form a comprehensive examination study package. Since this handbook provides skill and knowledge components for each paygrade of the HM rating, it helps focus study on those areas that will be tested. This feature ensures Sailors will get the most out of their study time.

Each page in Parts 1 through 5 of this Advancement Handbook presents general skill areas, specific skill areas, the knowledge factors associated with each skill area, the pertinent references required to perform each skill, and the types of subject areas you can expect on the examination. Since it would be impractical to test all the tasks that a person in the HM rating is required to perform, you should use this guide as just part of a comprehensive training program.

Part 5 of this guide presents a section of information on the Navy enlisted advancement system (NEAS). The NEAS information covers advancement examination preparation, taking the exam, how exams are scored, how candidates are informed about their standings on exams taken, the final multiple system, when candidates are advanced, and a host of other advancement information useful to all enlisted personnel.

Remember that advancement competition is keen, so your keys to advancement include not only comprehensive advancement examination study but also sustained superior performance.

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Part 1



Advancement Handbook for HM3



## Advancement Handbook for HM3

<p>General HM <i>Skill Area</i></p>	<p><b>Emergency/Field Treatment</b></p>
<p>A <i>skill</i> you are expected to perform from the General Skill Area above:</p>	<p><b>Perform preliminary assessment and treatment of chemical, biological, radiological (CBR)-contaminated patients</b></p>
<p><i>References</i> you should study to gain the knowledge you need to perform this skill:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAVEDTRA 14295</li> <li>• Virtual Navy Hospital Website: <a href="http://www.vnh.org/">http://www.vnh.org/</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>Exam Expectations.</i> These are subject areas you should know to help you answer exam questions correctly:</p>	<p>You can expect questions on the identification of <u>chemical/biological</u> agents to include: nerve, blister, blood, choking, incapacitants, and harassing agents, and the identification and treatment of <u>chemical</u> injuries to include actions taken before a chemical attack; chemical prophylaxis; chemical decontamination equipment, supplies, and decontamination procedures; identification and treatment of <u>radiological</u> injuries to include actions taken before nuclear explosion, affect on personnel, and treatment of nuclear casualties; <u>radiological</u> decontamination equipment and supplies, decontamination procedures, and minimum requirements for shipboard/field decontamination station design and layout.</p>