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CHAPTER 8. CARDIAC SURGERY

8.01 POLICY

a. The Department of Medicine and Surgery will allow cardiac surgery to be performed in certain selected hospitals. These hospitals will be sufficient in number to care for the projected patient load and geographically located to conform to the VA population spread.

b. The Director, Surgical Service, Central Office, will officially approve cardiac surgery programs in VA hospitals. Such approval will be in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. Any VA hospital desiring to initiate cardiac surgery, whether within the VA hospital or by special arrangement with a non-VA hospital, will submit full documentation prior to receiving written approval of the Director, Surgical Service, Central Office.

8.02 REQUIREMENTS

The following specific requirements will be followed:

a. Close and active affiliation of the hospital with an approved medical school program of research and service in cardiac surgery.

b. A surgical team, preferably of at least two trained and board-certified cardiac surgeons, at least one of whom participates in every cardiac operation.

c. A supporting medical cardiology service, qualified and effective in diagnostic services, including cardiac catheterization and coronary arteriography, and in preoperative and postoperative care.

d. Availability of trained personnel for cardiac surgery, including operating room nurses, intensive care nurses, and pump operators, to provide specialized intra-operative care.

e. Adequate space and equipment to include not only operating rooms, but laboratories for cardiac catheterization and cineangiography, blood gas and electrolyte determinations on a 24-hour a day basis.

f. In general, the guidelines suggested by the Subcommittee on Hospital Program Review of the Cardiovascular Committee of the American College of Surgeons will be adhered to. The performance of at least 50 cases per year, to conform with American College of Surgeons is required. VA hospitals desiring to initiate a new program in cardiac surgery will document that at least 50 patients were referred elsewhere for open heart procedures in the previous 12 months.

8.03 REVIEW

Cardiac surgery programs will be subjected to ongoing review based on surgical statistical data, including volume and variety of surgery performed, complication rates and surgical mortality rates (within 30 days of surgery). This information will be provided semiannually by each cardiac surgical program.

8.04 TRANSFER OF PATIENTS

Hospitals not designated for cardiac surgery will transfer such cases to the nearest approved established VA facility or institution where sharing agreements or other formal arrangements have been approved by the Director, Surgical Service, Central Office. In either case, the hospital to which the veteran is transferred should be within the same Medical District or the most adjacent Medical District containing an approved cardiac surgery program. In emergency situations variance from this policy is at the option of the VA hospital involved.

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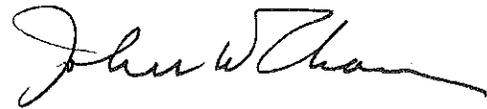
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NOTE: The purpose of this change is to revise chapter 8.

Page vi, under paragraph 8.02: Insert

"8.03	Review	8-1
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Page 8-1: Remove this page and substitute page 8-1 attached. (Ch. 8, revised.)



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NOTE: The purpose of this change is to update the administrative and professional requirements for cardiac surgery, formerly in M-2, part I, paragraph 9.08.

✓ Page vi: Insert

"CHAPTER 8. CARDIAC SURGERY

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CHAPTER 9. SEXUAL STERILIZATION AND ABORTION (See II 10-72-4)".

✓ Page 8-1: Insert this page attached. (Ch. 8, "Cardiac Surgery," added.)

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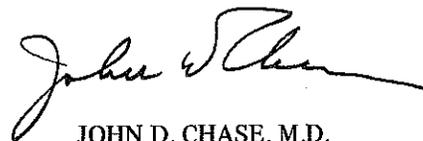
✓ Page 1, paragraph D

✓ Line 1: Delete "8" and insert "9".

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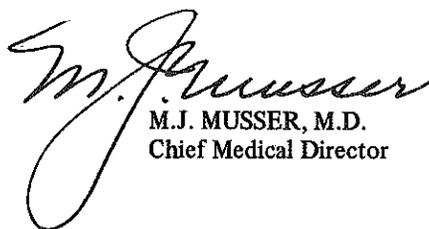
NOTE: The purpose of this change is to revise Chapter 7, "Renal Disease Treatment Program--Transplantation," to replace present chapters 7 and 8.

Page iii, paragraph c, line 2: Add change "16".

Pages v and vi: Remove these pages and substitute pages v and vi attached.

Pages 19 through 22: Remove these pages and substitute pages 7-1 through 7-5 attached. (Ch. 7 revised; ch. 8 deleted.)

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NOTE: The purpose of this change is as follows:

- a. Clarification of postoperative complications.
- b. Summary of deaths to be reported by all hospitals.
- c. Instructions for completion of new VA Form 10-7396d, Annual Report of Surgical Procedures. (Monthly reporting eliminated.)
- d. Instructions for preparation of Annual Narrative Report of Surgical Service.
- e. Adds Chapter 8, "Surgical Transplantation," and incorporates the provisions of II 10-66-47.

✓ Page iii, paragraph 1b: Add "II 10-66-47".

chg 18 ✓ Pages v and vi: Remove these pages and substitute pages v and vi attached. (Contents brought up to date.)

✓ Pages 7 and 8: Remove these pages and substitute pages 7 through 8a attached. (Ch. 5 revised.)

chg 18 ✓ Page 19, paragraph 7.02b

Subparagraph (1), lines 2 and 3: Delete "appropriate Area Medical Office" and insert "office of appropriate Regional Medical Director".

Subparagraph (2), line 2: Delete "appropriate Area Medical Office" and insert "office of appropriate Regional Medical Director".

Subparagraph (3), line 2: Delete "Area Medical Office" and insert "office of appropriate Regional Medical Director".

chg 18 ✓ Page 20, paragraph 7.02b, lines 1 and 2: Delete "Area Medical Office" and insert "office of appropriate Regional Medical Director".

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