

CONTENTS

CHAPTER 13. PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

PARAGRAPH	PAGE
13.01 General	13-1
13.02 Duties of Research Program Specialists	13-1

CHAPTER 13. PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

13.01 GENERAL

Program Specialists are funded VA investigators who have recognized expertise in their respective research fields and who are staff members of a VA medical center. They are nominated by their medical center Directors and appointed by the ACMD for R&D with approval of the Director, Medical Research Service. Members serve a term of 3 years.

13.02 DUTIES OF RESEARCH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

- a. Advise and assist the Medical Research Service in evaluation of biomedical research programs in specialty fields in their fields of expertise.
- b. Assist in preparing reports on research activities and compile an annual report on VA research in their field of expertise.
- c. Assume responsibility for the preparation of critiques for RAG proposals, and formal appeals.
- d. Give advice on awards and recognition for VA investigators.
- e. Assist the Program Review Division, Career Development Program, and Cooperative Studies Program, in the selection of ad hoc reviewers for research proposals and recommend the names of new members of various advisory committees.