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PCRS Course Now Approved for Physician Category 1 CME

Naval Medical Education and Training Command, Bethesda, Maryland has designated SHARP's 5-hour classroom course "**Sexual Partner Counseling and Referral**" for **4.5 Category 1** credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

The **objective** of the PCRS course is to improve the ability of Naval health care and health care support professionals to work with patients infected with sexually transmitted infections to bring their sexual partners to testing, treatment, and prevention counseling.

In this 5-hour course, students learn the four referral options and 11-step partner referral process. Navy/Marine Corps-specific circumstances and issues are explored. Students use role-plays to improve their one-on-one counseling skills of working with patients to bring their partners to testing and treatment. This is a Navy CANTRAC course, CIN B-322-2223; CDP 760M; Short Title PCRS.

The course is designed for Physicians, Independent Duty Corpsmen, nurses, Preventive Medicine Technicians, PM Representatives, PM Petty Officers and family counselors. This course is completed by all Preventive Medicine Technicians (effective January 2003) and all Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsmen (effective August 2003) at the Naval School of Health Sciences (San Diego). SHARP also conducts the course at NEHC in Portsmouth and other sites upon request.

SHARP Course **Schedule** is available at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/sharp/index.htm>.

Requests by your base or Command to host an iteration of this course may be coordinated with SHARP at <mailto:sharp@nehc.mar.med.navy.mil>

A self-study version of the course is available from the SHARP website at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/downloads/hp/pcrs.pdf>

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