

HEALTH SERVICE DIVISION



Hospital Corpsman (HS). Hospital corpsmen serve in sick bays, dental offices, or dispensaries of any ship or shore station (figure 25-5) and may be assigned to a Public Health Service Hospital for duty as liaison officer. The corpsman performs medical, dental, and clerical duties, gives first aid, and performs ward and operating room duties. He or she may be a technician in such fields as X-ray, pharmacy, or epidemiology. He or she may serve independently on small ships, performing all but major surgical duties. He or she serves as assistant to the medical officer in preventing and treating warfare injuries and in giving physical examinations.