

INFORMATION PAPER

Military Vaccine Agency
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SUBJECT: Standing Orders for Vaccine Delivery in DoD

1. Purpose. Outline for Standing Orders for Vaccine Delivery in DoD.

2. Facts.

a. In the United States, federal law prohibits dispensing any human vaccine or immune globulin without a prescription from a licensed provider. (Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 353, 21 CFR 610.60 [a] [6]) Standing order programs authorize the administration of individual physicians' orders. Standing orders are intended for use by individuals that are properly trained in the Department of Defense (DoD), Military Services, United States Coast Guard (USCG), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines to administer immunizations and act within their scope of practice as determined by each Service. These training standards include baseline and annual refresher training.

b. Standing orders. Standing orders for immunizations should include protocols that:

i. Identify persons eligible for vaccination based on age, vaccination status, and/or medical condition, excluding those with questionable or reported contraindications.

ii. Provide adequate information to patients, including vaccine information statements (VIS) or their guardians, regarding risks and benefits of a vaccine and documenting the delivery of this information in compliance with Federal, DoD, and Service-specific guidelines.

iii. Record refusals or medical contraindications to vaccination in the appropriate service specific Immunization Tracking System (ITS) or in the individual medical record using the standard exemption codes for that system.

iv. Standardize documentation of vaccine administration following DoD and service specific guidelines (e.g., AHLTA, MEDPROS, AFCITA, MRRS).

v. Standardize documentation of post-vaccination adverse events (e.g., Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)) to include notification through established command reporting channels.

Standing orders must be available for each vaccine delivered under a standing orders protocol and at each site where vaccines are delivered using a standing order (e.g., Military Treatment Facilities (MTF), Troop Clinics, and Satellite Clinics). Standing orders must be signed by the appointed physician with oversight of the immunization process. Standing orders must be renewed at least annually and with any changes in oversight responsibilities or changes in vaccine administration methods, in order to be valid.

c. Available Standing Orders. Examples of commercially available standing orders can be found at: www.immunize.org/standingorders.

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3. References.

- a. Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 353, 21 CFR 610.60 [a] [6].
- b. DoD Directive 6205.02E, "Policy and Program for Immunizations to Protect the Health of Service Members and Military Beneficiaries", September 10, 2006.
- c. DODD 6205.3, DoD Immunization Program for Biological Warfare Defense.
- d. AR 40-562/AFJI 48-110/BUMEDINST 6230.15A/CG COMDTINST M 6230.4F, Medical Services Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis, 29 Sep 2006.
- e. CDC: Use of Standing Orders Programs to Increase Adult Vaccination Rates. MMWR 2000; 49(RR01); 15-26.
- f. Multiple resources assembled by the Military Vaccine Agency:
www.vaccines.mil/standingorders.

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