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POSSIBLE SPREAD CONTACTS:

Name	Relation to Case	Age	Prophylaxis
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PROPHYLAXIS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Haemophilus influenzae (H. flu) (small gram-negative rods); incubation period is probably short, usually only 2-4 days.

Who should receive prophylaxis?

- All "family contacts" (members of the patient's household) if there is another child under 4 years of age residing in the home.
- Prophylaxis should strongly be considered for all staff and children--regardless of age--in the day-care classroom in which an invasive Hib infection has occurred, and in which one or more children under 2 years of age have been exposed.
- Children in the day-care classroom who have been vaccinated with the Hib vaccine SHOULD also receive rifampin.
- Hospital personnel DO NOT need prophylaxis.

Rifampin Dosage:*

- Adults: 600 mg PO once a day x 4 days.
- Infants and children (1 month-12 years): 20 mg/kg** PO once a day x 4 days.

In addition to the routine medications used to treat *H. influenzae* infections, the index case should receive the above regimen before going home from the hospital in order to eradicate pharyngeal carriage of the organism.

* Before administering rifampin, note that rifampin:

- is not recommended for use during pregnancy.
- interferes temporarily with effectiveness of oral contraceptives.
- will turn urine, tears, saliva an orange/red color; soft contact lenses will be permanently stained if worn while taking rifampin.

** The maximum dosage of rifampin should not exceed a total of 600 mg per dose.

Investigator's Name: _____ Agency Name: _____

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