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SUBJ: SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS-ALERT FOR CARDIAC EVENTS

REF/A/DOC/DEPSECDEF/30 SEP 02/

APMN/DEPSECDEF MEMO, SUBJ: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SMALLPOX RESPONSE PLAN

REF/B/DOC/ASD(HA)/26 NOV 02/

APMN/ASD(HA) MEMO, SUBJ: CLINICAL POLICY FOR THE DOD SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP)

REF/C/DOC/USD(P&R)/13 DEC 02/

APMN/USD(P&R) MEMO, SUBJ: POLICY ON ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES RELATED TO SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP)

REF/D/MSG/HQDA/212313Z DEC 02/

APMN/HQDA MSG, SUBJ: SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP)

REF/E/DOC/VCSA/10 JAN 03/

APMN/VCSA MEMO, SUBJ: ARMY SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

REF/F/CLASSIFIED MSG/HQDA/171037Z JAN 03/

APMN/HQDA CLASSIFIED MSG, SUBJ: (U) ARMY TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE STAGE 2 SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS

REF/G/MSG/HQDA/140748Z FEB 03/

APMN/HQDA MSG, SUBJ: ARMY AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP) FOR ARMY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

1. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) REPORTS SEVERAL CARDIAC EVENTS FOLLOWING SMALLPOX VACCINATION. CDC RECOMMENDS THAT PEOPLE WITH KNOWN CARDIAC DISEASE SHOULD NOT RECEIVE SMALLPOX VACCINATION. DOD ADOPTS A SIMILAR MEDICAL DEFERRAL. OTHERWISE, CONTINUE TO VACCINATE PERSONNEL AS DIRECTED BY REFS A THROUGH G.

2. OVER 351,000 PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED THE SMALLPOX VACCINE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM ON 13 DEC 02. DOD REPORTS ONE SOLDIER DIED BY HEART ATTACK SEVERAL DAYS AFTER RECEIVING SMALLPOX AND OTHER VACCINATIONS. EVIDENCE TO DATE LEADS US TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT'S UNLIKELY THE SOLDIER'S DEATH WAS CAUSED BY THE VACCINATIONS.

3. THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY (MILVAX), UPDATED DOD'S INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS TO REFLECT THIS NEW DEFERRAL. UPDATED RESOURCES CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.SMALLPOX.ARMY.MIL.

4. COMMANDERS MUST PRINT NEW INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL TOOLS FOR NEAR TERM USE, SPECIFICALLY: SMALLPOX VACCINE TRIFOLD BROCHURE (25 MAR 03), INDIVIDUAL BRIEFING (26 MAR 03), HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS BRIEFING (26 MAR 03), AND CDC HEALTH ADVISORY (26 MAR 03). COMMANDERS MUST DISCARD TRIFOLDS DATED 9 JAN 03. MILVAX AGENCY WILL PROFESSIONALLY PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE NEW TRIFOLDS TO ARRIVE AT INSTALLATIONS IN ABOUT 2 WEEKS.

5. THE INITIAL MEDICAL NOTES (SCREENING FORMS) ARE NOW UNDER REVIEW. NEW VERSIONS WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AT THE SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM WEB SITE, ON OR ABOUT 2 APR 03. UNTIL REVISION IS ISSUED, ASK VERBALLY BEFORE VACCINATION ABOUT PREVIOUS CARDIAC DISEASE SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING: "DO YOU HAVE A SERIOUS HEART DISEASE (SUCH AS ANGINA, HEART ATTACK, CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, OTHER CARDIAC PROBLEMS)?" UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL PERSONNEL WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING PREVIOUS CARDIAC DISEASE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE SMALLPOX VACCINE. THESE PERSONNEL WILL BE CODED "MT" IN MEDPROS. REMIND THEM TO KEEP THEIR HEART CONDITION UNDER GOOD MEDICAL CARE.

6. INFORM ALL PERSONNEL RECEIVING SMALLPOX VACCINE THAT CARDIAC EVENTS ARE A POTENTIAL COMPLICATION OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION. PERSONNEL SHOULD SEEK

MEDICAL ATTENTION IF THEY DEVELOP CHEST PAIN, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, OR ANY OTHER SYMPTOMS OF CARDIAC DISEASE.

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8. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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