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SUBJ: ALARACT 012/2006

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SUBJ: ADOPTION OF NEW MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE, MENACTRA
REF/A/REG/HQDA/ARMY REGULATION 40-562, IMMUNIZATIONS AND
CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS, 1 NOV 95//

REF/B/ALARACT/HQDA/ADOPTION OF NEW MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE,
MENACTRA, 111455Z MAR 05//

REF/C/CDC/ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES/PREVENTION AND
CONTROL OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE., MMWR 2005;54(RR-7):1-21, 27 MAY
05, WWW.CDC.GOV/MMWR/PDF/RR/RR5407.PDF

NARRATIVE: ON 17 JAN 05, THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION LICENSED
MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE FOR SEROGROUPS A, C, Y, AND W-135,
MANUFACTURED BY SANOFI PASTEUR, USING THE TRADE NAME MENACTRA. ON 10
FEB 05, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES APPROVED
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMUNIZATION WITH MENACTRA DURING THE
PRE-ADOLESCENT VISIT (AT 11 TO 12 YEARS OF AGE) AND FOR ADOLESCENTS
AT HIGH SCHOOL ENTRY (E.G., 15 YEARS OF AGE). MENACTRA WILL REPLACE
THE MENINGOCOCCAL POLYSACCHARIDE VACCINE KNOWN AS MENOMUNE
A/C/Y/W-135. THE MANUFACTURER ANTICIPATES ADEQUATE INVENTORY
BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2006 TO MEET DOD DEMAND FOR CONVERSION FROM
MENOMUNE TO MENACTRA. AS MENACTRA PRODUCTION RISES, MENOMUNE
PRODUCTION WILL FALL. MENOMUNE PRODUCTION WILL EVENTUALLY CEASE, SO
TRANSITION FROM MENOMUNE TO MENACTRA SHOULD BEGIN EXPEDITIOUSLY. THIS
MESSAGE UPDATES THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REF B.

1. (U) CONSISTENT WITH AR 40-562 (REF A), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ARMY
MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES WILL BEGIN SUBSTITUTING MENACTRA FOR
MENOMUNE IN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OTHER HEALTHCARE BENEFICIARIES 11
TO 55 YEARS OF AGE REQUIRING IMMUNIZATION.

1.A. (U) ARMY BASIC COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS WILL IMMUNIZE BASIC
TRAINEES WITH MENACTRA EFFECTIVE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

1.B. (U) SOLDIER READINESS PROCESSING SITES WILL BEGIN SUBSTITUTING
MENACTRA FOR MENOMUNE EFFECTIVE EXPEDITIOUSLY. THIS APPLIES EQUALLY
TO ACTIVE COMPONENT AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL.

1.C. (U) MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES (MTFS) WILL ADOPT ACIP
GUIDELINES FOR ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION OF PRE-ADOLESCENTS AND
ADOLESCENTS USING MENACTRA (REF C). MENACTRA IS THE PREFERRED VACCINE
FOR ALL PEOPLE 11 TO 55 YEARS REQUIRING MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATION
(E.G., COLLEGE FRESHMEN, PEOPLE WITHOUT SPLEENS). BUT MENOMUNE MAY BE
USED IF AVAILABLE.

2. (U) CLINICAL.

2.A. (U) MENACTRA IS ADMINISTERED AS A SINGLE INTRAMUSCULAR DOSE.
THERE IS NO NEED TO ADMINISTER A DOSE OF MENACTRA LESS THAN 5 YEARS
AFTER A DOSE OF MENOMUNE. CLINICAL STUDIES SHOW THAT MENACTRA
PROVIDES A LONGER DURATION OF IMMUNITY AND AN IMPROVED IMMUNE
RESPONSE IN CHILDREN COMPARED TO MENOMUNE. THE NEED FOR, AND TIMING
OF, A BOOSTER DOSE OF MENACTRA WILL BE DETERMINED IN COMING YEARS.

2.B. (U) FOR ADOLESCENTS FOR WHOM TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA-PERTUSSIS (TDAP) VACCINE (ADACEL FROM SANOFI PASTEUR; OR BOOSTRIX FROM GLAXO SMITHKLINE) IS ALSO INDICATED, THE ACIP RECOMMENDS BOTH VACCINES BE GIVEN DURING THE SAME VISIT.

2.C. (U) MENOMUNE REMAINS THE PREFERRED VACCINE FOR MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATION IN PEOPLE BETWEEN 2 AND 11 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER THAN 55 YEARS. ALTHOUGH NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO, MTF'S MAY HAVE MENOMUNE AVAILABLE FOR THESE PATIENT GROUPS DEPENDING ON SCOPE OF SERVICES.

2.D. (U) AT THE POINT OF CARE, PRIVILEGED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS MAY MAKE A CLINICAL DECISION TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE FOR THEIR PATIENTS. HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS MAY PRESCRIBE MEDICATION USE OUTSIDE LABELED INDICATIONS, IN AN INDIVIDUAL, HEALTHCARE PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, IN DOING SO, THEY MUST DOCUMENT THEIR RATIONALE FOR USING A MEDICATION OFF-LABEL IN THE HEALTH RECORD.

2.E. (U) REPORT ADVERSE EVENTS AFTER IMMUNIZATION TO THE VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM, WWW.VAERS.HHS.GOV. VACCINE SAFETY SCIENTISTS ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN CASES OF DEMYELINATING CONDITIONS (EG, GUILLAIN-BARRE SYNDROME) AFTER MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINES. ANY CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EVENT SHOULD BE REPORTED, EVEN IF A CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP TO IMMUNIZATION IS UNCERTAIN.

3. (U) EDUCATION.

3.A. (U) GENERAL. DETAILED CLINICAL AND LAY INFORMATION FOR MENACTRA AND MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.VACCINES.MIL/MENINGOCOCCAL.

3.B. (U) HANDOUTS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION ISSUED A VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT (VIS) FOR MENACTRA. THIS SHEET WILL BE THE ARMY STANDARD FOR PATIENT-LEVEL INFORMATION ABOUT MENACTRA, AND IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CDC.GOV/NIP/PUBLICATIONS/VIS/VIS-MENING.PDF

3.C. (U) ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MENACTRA WERE PUBLISHED IN THE MORBIDITY & MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT (REF C).

4. (U) RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS.

4.A. (U) FY06. MTF'S SHOULD PURCHASE MENACTRA VIA PRIME VENDOR USING CURRENT BUDGETS. REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMANDS MAY SUBMIT UNFUNDED REQUIREMENT (UFR) REQUESTS FOR INTERIM BUDGET REVIEW. THE DOD VACCINE AND ANTIBODY PRICE LIST APPEARS AT: WWW.VACCINES.MIL/PRICELIST.PDF. PHARMACY AND MEDICAL LOGISTICS STAFF SHOULD COMPARE THIS PRICE LIST TO LOCAL PROCUREMENT PRACTICES, TO ASSURE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE PACKAGE SIZES OF ALL VACCINES ARE PURCHASED.

4.B. (U) FY07 AND BEYOND. FOR FY07 BUDGET PLANNING, THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY DEVELOPED PLANNING FACTORS RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE LICENSURE OF A ROTAVIRUS VACCINE FOR INFANTS, A SHINGLES VACCINE FOR ELDERLY, AND A PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS. CONTACT THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

5. (U) DOCUMENTATION.

5.A. (U) ALL IMMUNIZATIONS GIVEN TO MILITARY AND DA CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ENTERED INTO THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS), THE HQDA STANDARD FOR TRACKING ALL INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS INDICATORS IN THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS. THE MEDPROS CODE FOR MENACTRA IS (114) OR (MCV). LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS CAN TRACK INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT COMPLIANCE USING MEDPROS ON THE INTERNET AT WWW.MODS.ARMY.MIL. USERS MAY REQUEST A LOGON ID DIRECTLY FROM THE WEBSITE OR BY CALLING THE MODS HELP DESK AT DSN 761-4976 OR 1-888-849-4341 FOR ASSISTANCE. COMMANDERS WILL ASSIGN DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO ROUTINELY ACCESS MEDPROS TO KEEP THEIR UNITS CURRENT. INDIVIDUALS CAN PRINT OUT THEIR PERSONAL ELECTRONIC IMMUNIZATION RECORD VIA ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE AT ITS MY MEDICAL READINESS SECTION.

5.B. (U) IMMUNIZATIONS WILL ALSO BE RECORDED PROMPTLY IN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH RECORDS.

6. (U) LOGISTICS: MENACTRA IS ORDERED BY MTFS VIA THEIR PRIME VENDOR WHOLESALER. THE FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE PRICE IS \$60.14 PER DOSE. THE NATIONAL DRUG CODE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-DOSE VIAL IS 49281-0589-01 (NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER, NSN, 6505-01-527-3993). THE CODE FOR THE PACKAGE OF FIVE SINGLE-DOSE VIALS IS 49281-0589-05 (NSN ***** START OF SECTION 2 ***** 6505-01-527-3994).

7. (U) POCs: COL JOHN GRABENSTEIN OR LTC STEPHEN FORD, 703-681-5101 OR DSN 761-5101, OR EMAIL: VACCINES@OTSG.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL

8. (U) EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS AUTHORIZATION CANNOT BE DETERMINED
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