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RESUMPTION OF THE MANDATORY ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION
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MEMORANDUM IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHANGE IN ROUTE

AND CHANGE IN DOSING SCHEDULE FOR THE ANTHRAX VACCINE ADSORBED (AVA) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM.

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CLIFFORD.CLARKE.CTR@USMC.MIL. // RMKS/ 1. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS. THE COMMANDANT HAS AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION TO MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES.

2. REFERENCES (A) THROUGH (E) ARE THE CURRENT NAVY AND MARINE CORPS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. REF (E) IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING UPDATED. PER REFERENCE (F), THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) HAS APPROVED A CHANGE IN THE ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ANTHRAX VACCINE ADSORBED (AVA) FROM A SUBCUTANEOUS (SC) INJECTION TO AN INTRAMUSCULAR (IM) INJECTION. REMOVING THE 2-WEEK DOSE IN THE VACCINATION SERIES WAS ALSO APPROVED.

3. FOLLOWING THE MANUFACTURER'S NEW PACKAGE INSERT NAVY MEDICAL PERSONNEL SHALL ADMINISTER THE AVA VIA THE INTRAMUSCULAR ROUTE. THE INITIAL AVA SERIES SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AS FOLLOWS: 0.5 ML DOSES AT 0, 4 WEEKS, 6 MONTHS, 12 MONTHS, AND 18 MONTHS. THE 2-WEEK DOSE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

4. FOR MEMBERS RECEIVING ORDERS TO LOCATIONS COVERED BY THE MANDATORY ANTHRAX PROGRAM AND WHO ARE SUBJECT TO THE MANDATORY ANTHRAX PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT THE MEMBER HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST TWO DOSES OF THE FIVE-DOSE SERIES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THEATER.

5. PERSONNEL RESUMING ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS WILL CONTINUE THE DOSING SCHEDULE WHERE THEY LEFT OFF (I.E. NEXT DOSE IN THE SERIES). PER THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP), THE PRIMARY SERIES DOES NOT NEED TO BE RESTARTED REGARDLESS OF THE TIME ELAPSED SINCE THE LAST DOSE. ONCE THE PRIMARY SERIES OF FIVE DOSES IS COMPLETED IT IS NEVER REPEATED. PERSONNEL WHO ARE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE THE AVIP AND WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PRIMARY SERIES ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL BOOSTER TO MAINTAIN FULL

IMMUNITY.

6. ALL OTHER DOD, NAVY, AND MARINE CORPS POLICIES PERTAINING TO THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM REMAIN IN EFFECT. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SHALL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CURRENT POLICY FOR ADMINISTERING THE ANTHRAX VACCINE.

7. THE FDA LETTER, NEW PACKAGE INSERT, AND MILVAX AGENCY MEMORANDUM ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/AVIP2008. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION SUCH AS THE AVIP EDUCATION TOOL KIT CAN BE FOUND AND DOWNLOADED AT THE MILVAX WEBSITE

WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE AVIP SHOULD MONITOR THIS WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING THE ANTHRAX VACCINE.

8. THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM REMAINS A COMMANDER'S FORCE PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SHALL ASSIST THEIR COMMANDERS IN COMPLYING WITH THIS RESPONSIBILITY BY ENSURING THEY PROPERLY IDENTIFY, SCREEN, AND EDUCATE PERSONNEL PRIOR TO VACCINATION; PROPERLY ADMINISTER AND DOCUMENT VACCINE ADMINISTRATION; AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL EVALUATIONS FOR ALL VACCINE-RELATED ADVERSE EVENTS.

9. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO ALL MEDICAL ACTIVITIES, FLEET SURGEONS, SENIOR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES, IMMUNIZATION CLINICS, AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE DEPARTMENTS ASHORE AND AFLOAT.

10. RELEASED BY VADM A. M. ROBINSON, JR., MC, USN. //

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