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ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

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NARR/REF A IS CDC SUMMARY OF ADULT/ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS. REF B IS ARMED FORCES EPIDEMIOLOGICAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION. REF C IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS POLICY MEMO. REF D IS CDC'S EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES, 7TH EDITION. REF E PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR MTF SUPPORT OF RESERVE UNITS.//

RMKS/1. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS. THE COMMANDANT HAS AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION TO MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES.

2. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO SENIOR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES, PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING VACCINES, AND ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN ADMINISTERING IMMUNIZATIONS.

3. REF A RECOMMENDS CATCH UP HEP B IMMUNIZATION OF ALL PERSONS THROUGH AGE 18 AND IMMUNIZATION OF ADULTS AT RISK OF HEP B. REF B RECOMMENDS THAT DOD IMMUNIZE ALL RECRUITS UNDER AGE 30. REF C REFLECTS A MANDATE FROM CONGRESS, AND DIRECTS THE SERVICES TO BEGIN IMMUNIZING ALL RECRUITS AGAINST HEPATITIS B.

4. BEGIN IMMUNIZING ALL NEW ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE ACCESSIONS TO THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AGAINST HEPATITIS B AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. USE OF ANY FDA APPROVED VACCINES, INCLUDING AVAILABLE COMBINATION HEP A/B PRODUCTS, IS APPROVED.

5. CURRENTLY, THERE IS ONE FDA-APPROVED COMBINATION HEP A/B VACCINE, TWINRIX. IT IS APPROVED FOR PERSONS 18 YRS AND OLDER. THE

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RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE IS 0, 1, AND 6-12 MONTHS. THE MINIMUM INTERVALS BETWEEN DOSES ARE 4 WEEKS BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND DOSES, 6 MONTHS BETWEEN FIRST AND THIRD DOSES, AND 8 WEEKS BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD DOSES.

6. REF D LISTS SEVERAL ACCEPTABLE SCHEDULES WHICH INCLUDE BOTH TWINRIX AND SINGLE ANTIGEN VACCINES. USE OF THESE MIXED SCHEDULES IS APPROVED. THUS, VACCINE SERIES STARTED WITH A BIVALENT VACCINE CAN BE COMPLETED WITH MONOVALENT VACCINES. USE THE ADULT FORMULATION OF MONOVALENT HEPATITIS B VACCINES FOR ANY DOSE TO A PERSON 20 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

7. SEROLOGIC SCREENING TO IDENTIFY PERSONS ALREADY IMMUNE WILL BECOME COST-ADVANTAGEOUS AS THE PROPORTION OF ACCESSIONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE VACCINE IN CHILDHOOD OR ADOLESCENCE INCREASES OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. SEROLOGIC SCREENING IS NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME.

8. THE ENTIRE SERIES OF HEP A AND B VACCINE(S) SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO THE APPROPRIATE APPROVED SCHEDULE WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAYS. DEFERRING DOSES WHICH ARE ALREADY DUE UNTIL THE NEXT DUTY STATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED, SO THAT PERSONNEL ARRIVE AT THEIR INITIAL PERMANENT DUTY STATION WITH AS MANY DOSES COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE. IT IS PREFERABLE FOR THE ENTIRE SERIES TO BE COMPLETE BY ARRIVAL AT FIRST PERMANENT DUTY STATION. MTF SUPPORT TO RESERVE UNITS, IAW REF E, WILL NEED TO INCLUDE VACCINE FOR COMPLETION OF HEP B SERIES.

9. BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY POC FOR POLICY QUESTIONS IS CAPT JEFF YUND, M3F4B, COMM: 202-762-3495/DSN: 762-3495/FAX: 202-762-3490, EMAIL:AJYUND@US.MED.NAVY.MIL.

10. DIRECT QUESTIONS REGARDING HEPATITIS A AND B SCHEDULES TO:

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COMM:757-444-7671/DSN:564-7671.

C. EPMU-5/EMAIL:NEPMU5@NEPMU5.MED.NAVY.MIL/
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