

VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE



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TB Testing for Hawaii

Did you know the state of Hawaii requires all school age children to have a PPD annually? They are also quite serious about not letting children into school who have not had one within 12 months. Although TB test are not required for departure to overseas they are mandated for return to CONUS. The best practice is to be familiar with the requirements of the gaining location. All states have Health Departments and all Health Departments have web sites. With minimal effort and a short surf you can locate the state web site, or the CDC web site for travel, and secure vital immunization information.

Reading the PPD

Currently the CDC does not support use of the TBMV but only the Mantoux PPD when screening for TB. [Essential Components of a TB Prevention and Control Program Vol 44, No RR11;001 09/08/1995](#) The USAF follows this recommendation. The appropriate way to read a PPD is in a singular direction across the forearm from left to right. There is no need to measure the test along the axis of elbow to wrist. (This will generally be the larger of the two readings. The Lymph system causes exaggeration of the induration in this direction.) This is why there is only room for one reading in MITS. Some physicians may request a dual measurement. This is strictly for them and should not be formally annotated except on a SF 600 explaining which measurement is which.

AF Anthrax Web Site

In support of the AF Anthrax Vaccine implementation plan, the AF will stand up a web site to support commanders and MTF's in a successful program. This site will become active later this year. I have had the opportunity to review it and is a must bookmark site. I will publish the URL address upon release form AFMOA.

MITS, IMA's and other ARC Components

It is imperative that all members of the AF regardless of AD, Guard, Reserve or IMA status be entered into MITS when receiving immunizations. (Regardless of their unit of assignment.) Remember it all flows to DEERS and is how all units are assessed for Anthrax rates.

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"Attention to detail is a key to success, is it on your key chain?"