

VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE



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FROM BMTS

Basic Trainees started receiving the 99-00 Flu vaccine 6 Oct 99. Please review AFJI 48-110 para 32.1 for further guidance on new accessions arriving at you base that received the 98-99 Flu vaccine. <<http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/eh/immdoc/48-110.pdf>> **BMTS MITS** data: When new recruits arrive at your facility the MMR/PPD data fields may show red. The exemption date for the MMR is the same date as the OPV. (Those found susceptible and vaccinated should not present a red field) All PPD's are read @ 72 hours and results recorded in the shot record, update the field as needed.

AIR FORCE MEDICAL OPERATIONS AGENCY/AIR FORCE INSPECTION AGENCY

It was brought to the attention of AFMOA from AFIA personnel that, on several occasions, they (AFIA) witnessed patients receiving immunizations and **not** being appropriately screened. No details were provided, probably Flu season related but all the same: Informed consent and appropriate assessment is not just an ethical issue it is the law. Please be sure that you ask each and every patient pertinent questions. Minimally each patient should be asked:

1. Are you in good health today?
2. Do you have any allergies to food or medication?
3. Do you have any medical conditions I should be aware of prior to giving you a vaccine? (Additionally for women of childbearing age, do you feel you may be pregnant?)[**Documentation is required for women receiving live viral vaccines IAW AFJI 48-110 para 11.1**]
4. Have you ever had any problems with previous vaccines?

These suggestions are a minimum to properly screening patients. For more in depth examples of screening questionnaires please go to <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4060scr.pdf> or <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4065scr.pdf>. Ensure any augmentee's your Clinic uses are doing the same. Along the same lines are you passing out the **Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS)** Federal Law <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/2027law.pdf> requires that each patient receives a VIS correlating with each vaccine the patient is receiving prior to vaccinating. Documentation is required in the patient's permanent medical record that this was accomplished. (Lead in paragraph on the 2766C).

Anthrax Vaccine

The Air Force Anthrax Vaccine Implementation Plan requires that the patient receives proper education <http://sg-www.satx.disa.mil/moasgop/restricted/ccaed.cfm> and a Quad-fold(VIS) <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/SCANNED/ARTICLES/quadfold/quad1nov99.pdf> be given to each member prior to starting the series. (Annex B, 5. (U) Pre-Vaccination Requirements, 5.2(U) [page B-4]

More from the Air Force Inspection Agency

In 6 of their last 14 inspections they found notable discrepancies with documentation. Lot numbers in MITS were different from the lot numbers on the 2766C. (Yes that sounds impossible) The hypothesis is that when sent to DEERS that the lot number may get corrupted. In addition extra shots may be added to the patient's history. For this reason it is imperative that you have downloaded and installed the latest version of MITS (2 Nov 99). It would also be in your best interest to establish a Quality Assurance mechanism to randomly check the integrity of your data. The time to find out you have corrupt data is not with an Inspector standing over your shoulder!

Government Accounting Office (GAO) Report In

The GAO, in a report published Oct 99, states that we are meeting our objectives in ensuring folks don't go over 30 days past due for their Anthrax vaccine. Your hard work and efforts are recognized in the report!

On A Personal Note

This was one of the toughest newsletters to write. I know that frustration this time of year is high and the last thing anyone needs is finger pointing. Take it in stride, tweak the process if need be and press on. Keep up the good work!



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