

VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE

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Say Howdy to Newest NCO Selects on the "A" Team

I am proud to announce the following SrA in the AFSC 4N0X1A have been selected for SSgt. We had 13 in all. SSgt Selects are: Dawn Verdon, Anderson AFB, James Nichols, Aviano AFB, Helena Manwiller, Dover, Lee Ann Zinser, Dover AFB, Tran Pham, Eglin AFB, Anthony Duranti, Incirlick AFB, Jennifer Nyander, Kadena AFB, Stephanie Miller, Kirkland AFB, Daniel Grabski, Laughlin AFB, Arauz Chaperon, Misawa AFB, Deanna Smith Nellis AFB, Eric Furguson, Partrick AFB, and Dorothy Thomas, Travis AFB. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Td Vaccine Scarce

Recent changes in the FDA manufacturing process has severely reduced the available amount of Td vaccine. Current production lines of most manufactures are closed for upgrades. The estimated time of relief from this shortage is late Sept. Aventis-Pasteur formally known as Connaught was not effected and may be a reliable source until the other Manufactures are back up and running. Remember that Tetanus-Toxoid is not an appropriate substitute for Td. To date DTaP has not been effected.

BMTS Update

BMT Immunizations has initiated its Varicella screening program. You should start to see Varicella showing up on your reports. Your responsibility is to ensure those receiving the initial dose of Varivax in BMT receive their second dose in a timely manner. This supports both the HA directive of Nov 99 <http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/eh/immdoc/havv.pdf> and the AFSG directive of Jan 00 <http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/eh/immdoc/usafvv.pdf>. TSgt Ivan Towell is the NCOIC of Base Immunizations, Lackland AFB and a good POC if additional information is need.

Screening Patients Prior to Vaccination

Please remember that you have a responsibility and professional obligation to screen each and every patient prior to vaccinating them. Currently a verbal screening for contraindication is sufficient. However, HSI and high-ranking Officials, who have been vaccinated in AF Immunization Clinics, have noted it was not being done. Please take the time to properly screen each and every patient. Also, it is required by law that you hand patients the CDC Vaccine Information Sheet (If one is available) with each visit.

Immunization Educational and Training Materials

Once you get your IBT's trained how are you going to keep them updated? How do you keep yourself updated in the ever-changing arena of Immunizations? The CDC/NIP can help and it's free! Just go to https://www2.cdc.gov/nchstp_od/PIWeb/niporderform.htm to view their order form. It only takes 3-4 weeks to receive your order.



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