

VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE

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Influenza Vaccine Delayed

I'm sure we all know that the Flu vaccine is going to be delayed with potential shortfalls on orders. You should plan accordingly. <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm4927a4.htm> This is a **NO ACTION** statement. You should be informed. Please note, DoD may not be affected by this delay/shortfall. A clearer picture will be available in August.

Anthrax Policy Change

There has been a change in the Anthrax program. This change went into effect 17 July. To view the newest policy letter please go to: <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/AVIPslowdown/AVIPslowdown.htm> Please take a moment to read it if you have not. It suspends all programs other than SWA and Korea.

HSI Inspection Tip

With the IBT program spinning up it is very important that you document, document, and document. One of the Inspectors asked that I pass on the following advice: "I just came from Base X, and the Immunization section had the DL program for the IBT; however, no documentation was present in their OJT records. This was an element comment for now, it may be more severe the next quarter." Please ensure you properly annotate the OJT records!

Ordering Extract from WRAMC

As the AF mixing lab is placed on the endangered species list more and more extract is/will be ordered from WRAMC. Col Freeman, SG A/I Advisor states, "All orders must still go through your regional facility for approval." This is IAW AFI 44-102, 2.5.2.2. Approve use of allergy extracts not provided by the regional allergy support facility. (Page 44) This also assists WRAMC in their billing process.

2001 CDC Conference is 29 May-June 1

Next years National Immunization Conference is already scheduled. The Conference will be in Atlanta Georgia, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. As information on registration and hotel price becomes available it will be posted @ <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/nic/>. As of now this years information is still being displayed. It may be prudent to submit TDY request as early as November to ensure funding for this educational offering can be fenced.

2000 National Conference

This year unique as we the AFMS/Immunization givers were allowed time in the limelight. Col Schwietz represented us. DR Schwietz gave a great presentation on how we get 4N's to the "A" team and our Distance Learning Initiative. Please go to: <http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/eh/files/cdc.ppt> to view the presentation. Also for the first time a CD was made available of pertinent interest items in Immunizations. I am coordinating with the USAFSAM Web manager in hopes of getting it up on the web for all those who did not have the opportunity to attend.

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

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