

# VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE

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## TY21A (ORAL TYPHOID) UNAVAILABLE

FROM DSCP-M

BERNA PRODUCTS ORAL TYPHOID VACCINE WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FOT AT LEAST 6-12 MONTHS.

ORAL TYPHOID VACCINE (VIVOTIF) NSN 6505-01-324-6964 is supplied by Berna Products Inc. The FDA has suspended further importation of this product due to Good Manufacturing Practices violations at their plant in Sweden. Anticipate at least a 6-12 month's delay before Berna will be in compliance with FDA regulations.

As of 1 May a small amount of Depot stock remained. Requisitions received after depot stock is exhausted will be canceled with notification of the suggested depot stock substitute item-Typhoid, Acellular, NSN 6505-01-385-6328 (20 doses) Connaught labs. (The Berna product package contains one dose of 4 tablets)

Also sporadically available commercially in limited quantities, is an injectable Typhoid vaccine USP from Wyeth Labs (NDC 00008-0343-02-NSN6505-01-225-9301) Wyeth's commercial phenol inactivated Typhoid vaccine is not depot stocked. It has been deleted by the Joint Readiness Clinical Advisory Board JRCAV (formally DMSB) and is not authorized for Navy or Marine personnel. This item is on DAPA and FSSS but not readily available.

Wyeth's former Military particular acetone inactivated vaccine (NSN 6505-00-079-6759) has been discontinued and deleted by the JRCAV and is no longer available.

The cost of this vaccine is significantly more than the oral vaccine. Current depot list price is \$194.39

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The current Oral Typhoid vaccine price is \$3.49.

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This is a cost increase of \$6.23 per patient X the number of years. (Oral was considered effective for 5 years as the Acellular Typhoid injectable is only for 2.) It may be in the Clinic's best interest to advise your RMO of potential Budget difficulties due to this increase.

Please ensure you are only utilizing the Merck Hep A Vaccine this is a required contractual agreement between DoD and Merck Ref. AF QA Message 7273-0008 <<http://www.medicine.army.mil/afmlo/qa/90990004.txt>>

Upcoming highlights: CDC conference in Dallas June 21-25, Manning, Training and Rumor Control. (Heard any good ones lately?)

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

