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APMN/DEPSECDEF MEMO, SUBJ: REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE  
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP)

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APMN/SECARMY MEMO, SUBJ: SLOWING AND FUTURE RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX  
VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP)

REF/C/DOC/29 APR 98

APMN/VCSA MEMO, SUBJ: ARMY ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM PLAN  
SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP)

1. ON 31 JAN 02 THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) GRANTED  
BIOPORT CORPORATION FINAL APPROVAL TO RESUME THE MANUFACTURE AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF THE US-LICENSED ANTHRAX VACCINE (AVA) AND RELEASED  
ADDITIONAL VACCINE FOR USE. THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES'  
INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE CONCLUDED A TWO YEAR STUDY OF AVA AND PUBLISHED  
THEIR FINDINGS REAFFIRMING THE VACCINE'S EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY IN  
MAR 02. CURRENT INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS INDICATE A CONTINUING, REAL  
ANTHRAX THREAT TO US FORCES.

2. AS OUTLINED IN REF A, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS DIRECTED  
THE RESUMPTION OF THE AVIP BEGINNING WITH PERSONNEL AT HIGHER RISK  
WHOSE PERFORMANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR CERTAIN MISSION CRITICAL  
CAPABILITIES.

A. THE INITIAL SCOPE OF THE AVIP RESUMPTION WILL: CONTINUE ANTHRAX  
VACCINATIONS TO DESIGNATED SPECIAL MISSION UNITS, AND PERSONNEL  
INVOLVED IN RESEARCH AND AVA MANUFACTURING; AND EXPAND VACCINATIONS  
TO PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OR DEPLOYED IN THE HIGHER THREAT AREAS OF  
SOUTHWEST ASIA (SWA) FOR MORE THAN 15 DAYS.

B. *[SECTION DELETED FROM THE WEB VERSION; MILITARY PERSONNEL REFER TO MESSAGE  
PASSED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS.]*

C. NEAR-TERM AVIP IMPLEMENTATION MAY ALSO INCLUDE OTHER PERSONNEL  
DETERMINED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS,  
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, TO BE  
AT HIGHER RISK FOR EXPOSURE TO ANTHRAX.

D. PERSONNEL AFFECTED BY THE POLICY IN PARAGRAPH 2A, WHO PREVIOUSLY  
BEGAN THE ANTHRAX VACCINE DOSING SERIES, BUT DEFERRED DOSING DURING  
AVIP SLOWDOWNS, WILL RESUME VACCINATIONS WHERE THEY LEFT OFF. THOSE  
INDIVIDUALS WILL CONTINUE AS SOON AS THEIR UNITS BEGIN VACCINATIONS.  
THEY WILL NOT BEGIN THE SIX-DOSE SERIES OVER AGAIN AT DOSE ONE. THIS  
IS CONSISTENT WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
PREVENTION'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES AND  
CONSULTATION WITH THE FDA.

E. THE SIGNED POLICY CAN BE READ IN RESOURCE CENTER (POLICIES)  
SECTION AT DOD'S AVIP WEBSITE: WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL. THIS POLICY  
SUPERCEDES REFS B AND C.

3. TAKE NO ACTION TO EXPAND ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS AT THIS TIME. SINCE  
THE JUN 01 SLOWDOWN POLICY (REF B), DOD LIMITED ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS  
TO ONLY DESIGNATED SPECIAL MISSION UNITS AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN  
RESEARCH AND AVA MANUFACTURING. THIS POLICY CONTINUES VACCINATION FOR  
THOSE PERSONS, AND WILL ADD AND RESUME OTHERS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.  
INITIALLY, WE ANTICIPATE VACCINATIONS WILL BEGIN FOR PERSONNEL

ALREADY DEPLOYED WITHIN THE DESIGNATED SWA COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF CDR USCENTCOM WITHIN 30 DAYS. AFTERWARD, AS DOD IS ABLE TO SHIP AVA TO INSTALLATIONS WORLDWIDE, VACCINATIONS WILL BEGIN IN PERSONNEL PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT INTO THE DESIGNATED SWA COUNTRIES. AFTER RECEIVING FURTHER OSD EXECUTION DIRECTION, HQDA WILL THEN PUBLISH SPECIFIC EXECUTION GUIDANCE. HQDA EXPECTS TO PUBLISH FURTHER ARMY GUIDANCE WITHIN 30 DAYS.

4. THE AVIP REMAINS A COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BETTER ENSURE THEIR TROOPS' FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION. AS A REMINDER, THE FDA-APPROVED SCHEDULE FOR ANTHRAX VACCINE IS A 6-DOSE SERIES GIVEN: 0, 2, AND 4 WEEKS; THEN 6, 12, AND 18 MONTHS FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL BOOSTERS THEREAFTER. COMMANDERS CAN TAKE THE FOLLOWING PROACTIVE STEPS, PENDING FURTHER ARMY EXECUTION GUIDANCE.

A. ENSURE ARMY LEADERS (OFFICERS, NCOS, AND CIVILIAN SUPERVISORS) ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE DEPSECDEF AVIP RESUMPTION POLICY IN REF A.

B. ENSURE ARMY LEADERS BECOME FAMILIAR NOW WITH RESOURCES AT THE DOD WEBSITE WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL. EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT EDUCATION IS PIVOTAL TO AVIP SUCCESS AND SOLDIER ACCEPTABILITY. A GOOD FIRST STEP IS TO REVIEW THE COMMANDER'S "EDUCATION TOOLKIT" AND THE "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS" POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, GIVEN THAT THESE ARE THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED BY TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

C. ENSURE MEDICAL PERSONNEL UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE EVENTS AFTER VACCINATION: HOW TO MINIMIZE THEM, RESPOND TO THEM, AND REPORT THEM TO THE FDA'S VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS) AND IAW AR 40-562. MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL NOT ONLY ADMINISTER THE VACCINE, BUT WILL LIKELY BE OUR "FRONT LINE"-RESPONDING TO TROOPS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS. TREAT EACH CONCERN WITH CARE: SOME SYMPTOMS FOLLOWING ANTHRAX VACCINATION MAY OR MAY NOT BE CAUSED BY THE VACCINATION, BUT ALL DESERVE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION. MEDICAL PERSONNEL SHOULD LIKEWISE BECOME FAMILIAR NOW WITH RESOURCES AT THE DOD WEBSITE, PARTICULARLY THE CLINICIAN'S "EDUCATION TOOLKIT."

D. ENSURE ALL UNIT INMMUNIZATIONS ARE POSTED AND TRACKED IN THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS), THE HQDA STANDARD FOR TRACKING ALL INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS INDICATORS IN THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS. LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS CAN TRACK INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT COMPLIANCE USING MEDPROS, A MODERN, EASY TO USE, WEBIFIED TRACKING SYSTEM, ACCESSED FROM THE WEB AT WWW.MODS.ARMY.MIL. USERS MAY REQUEST LOGON ID DIRECTLY FROM THE WEB OR BY CALLING THE MODS HELP DESK AT DSN 761-4976 OR 1-888-849-4341 FOR ASSISTANCE. SUCCESSFUL COMMANDERS ASSIGN DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO ROUTINELY ACCESS MEDPROS TO KEEP THEIR UNITS CURRENT. THE HQDA STANDARD IS 90% COMPLIANCE OF PERSONNEL RECEIVING THEIR ANTHRAX VACCINATION AND 90% COMPLIANCE OF PERSONNEL RECEIVING EACH DOSE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF SCHEDULED DUE DATE. IF YOU GET BEHIND ENTERING/UPDATING IMMUNIZATION DATA, NEED MEDPROS TRAINING, OR NEED HELP GETTING STARTED, CONTACT THE MODS HELP DESK FOR ASSISTANCE.

E. ENSURE YOUR MEDICAL LOGISTICS SUPPORTING ELEMENT HAS SUFFICIENT REFRIGERATION CAPACITY TO PRESERVE VACCINE INTEGRITY, INCLUDING TEMPERATURE ALARMS AND BACK UP POWER CAPACITY.

F. HQDA HAS ISSUED DOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOR AVIP RESUMPTION TO ARMY MACOMS AND INSTALLATIONS UNDER TWO MESSAGES:

R 290223Z JUN 02 SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE - RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX VACCINE, AND 290245Z JUN 02 SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF AVIP - CONTINUED. THESE MESSAGES PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND APPROVED Q AND A FOR ADDRESSING THE MEDIA AND/OR GENERAL PUBLIC.

5. HQDA POCs FOR THIS MESSAGE ARE COL RANDY RANDOLPH, LTC JOHN GRABENSTEIN, OR MR BILL WATSON, 703-681-5101 OR DSN 761-5101, OR

EMAIL: AVIP@OTSG.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.  
6. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.  
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\*DEDICATED TO \* \$\$\$\*EXCELLENCE IN \* \$\$\$\*COMMUNICATIONS\* \$\$\$

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