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### Epidemiologic Notes and Reports

#### Aedes albopictus Infestation - United States, Brazil

United States. In August 1985, an established infestation of *Aedes albopictus*, an exotic mosquito species, was discovered in Houston (Harris County), Texas (1,2). In 1986, with the advent of warm weather and spring rainfall, efforts were begun to determine the extent of this infestation. During April and May, *Ae. albopictus* was found in counties adjacent to Houston; in New Orleans, Louisiana, and surrounding parishes; and in Memphis, Tennessee. In June and early July, the mosquito was reported from Gulfport, Mississippi, and Jacksonville, Florida.

A systematic survey of 41 cities and towns in six southern states was conducted in July 1986. Because of the propensity of *Ae. albopictus* to oviposit in discarded tires containing rainwater, sites selected for survey were used-tire dumps, dealers, and recappers. *Ae. albopictus* was found to be widely disseminated in the southern United States but to have a spotty and discontinuous distribution (Figure 1). In many sites, *Ae. albopictus* was abundant and aggressively biting humans. The presence of *Ae. aegypti* in an area did not appear to retard the ingress of *Ae. albopictus*; *Ae. albopictus*; *Ae. albopictus*; *Ae. albopictus*; *Ae. albopictus* had replaced *Ae. aegypti* 'n many locations.

The extent of *Ae. albopictus* distribution in the United States remains incompletely known. Efforts are under way to extend surveillance to other states, including those in the northcentral United States where California encephalitis group viruses are endemic. The Houston population of *Ae. albopictus* has been shown in the laboratory to resemble northern Asian populations that are capable of diapause, i.e., cessation of egg-hatching following exposure of pupae to short day-length intervals. This indicates that *Ae. albopictus* would be capable of overwinter survival in northern latitudes.

Brazil. Ae. albopictus has been found in Rio de Janeiro and in two neighboring states, Espirito Santo and Minas Gerais. Identification of the species was confirmed by entomologists from the Oswaldo Cruz Institute and Pan American Health Organization. At present, there is no indication that Ae. albopictus is involved in virus transmission in Brazil.

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Editorial Note: Ae. albopictus, the Asian "tiger mosquito," has been repeatedly implicated in epidemic dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever transmission in Asia (3,4). Laboratory studies have shown it to be a more efficient vector of dengue virus than Ae. aegypti (5) and a competent vector of California encephalitis group viruses (6), yellow fever virus (7), epidemic polyarthritis (Ross River) virus (8), and other agents. Ae. albopictus has not been incriminated in the spread of any viral disease in the Americas, but it represents a public health concern because of its potential to infest areas where dengue, yellow fever, or pathogenic California group viruses are present and, once introduced into such areas, to spread these viruses into areas previously free of them.

The discontinous distribution of *A*9. *albopictus* in the southern United States found during the recent survey suggests the infestation may be contained through programs of surveillance, removal of breeding sites (especially tires), interruption of interstate dispersal of tires, and judicious use of insecticides in breeding sites. Studies are presently under way at CDC in collaboration with state and local agencies to determine the feasibility of these approaches. Critical features of the program include delineation of the full distribution of *Ae. albopictus*, determination of the vector's routes of spread from infested areas, and definition of the biologic attributes of the mosquito that relate to control.

FIGURE 1. Distribution of *Aedes elbopictus*, by counties reporting — United States, as of July 25, 1986



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The recent report that *Ae. albopictus* is established in Brazil is especially relevant because of the occurrence of a dengue type 1 epidemic in Rio de Janeiro and several other locations. Although evidence indicates that *Ae. aegypti* was the principal epidemic vector, it will now be important to determine the possible contribution of *Ae. albopictus* to dengue transmission. In addition, since *Ae. albopictus* is capable of breeding in tree halfs and similar woodland habitats, as well as in urban environments, it may potentially serve as a link between jungle yellow fever and urban transmission of this virus in Brazil.

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#### **Current Trends**

#### Decrease in Lung Cancer Incidence among Males — United States, 1973-1983

Analysis of lung cancer data from the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program (SEER)<sup>•</sup> (1) indicates that the incidence rate of lung cancer for white males increased at annual rates of up to 10% per year until the 1970s. In the early 1980's, the rate of increase slowed, then leveled. This was followed by a 4% decrease in rates from 1982 to 1983 (2). It is estimated that the leveling and subsequent decrease in lung cancer incidence has resulted in over 7,000 fewer cases in 1983 alone. This estimate was developed by fitting an exponential model to the incidence data for 1973 through 1978 and extrapolating the expected numbers from the model to 1983.

Both incidence and mortality due to lung cancer have been decreasing for men under 45 years of age since at least 1973, and for men between 45 and 54 years of age, since 1978. For men over 54 years of age, the rates have leveled. Data for black males show age-adjusted

<sup>\*</sup>SEER data are monitored routinely for trends in cancer incidence. SEER incidence data covers the population of the states of Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, New Mexico, and Utah and the metropolitan areas of Atlanta, Detroit, San Francisco-Oakland, and Seattle and represent approximately 10% of the U.S. population.

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incidence rates that are approximately 50% higher than for whites; however, the trends in rates are similar in the two groups. Lung cancer mortality data for U.S. men have leveled to an age-adjusted rate of 71.2 in 1983. Mortality rates for black males have leveled to an age-adjusted rate of 97.3 in 1983. Because survival from lung cancer is poor, it is expected that decreases in lung cancer mortality will be noted in the 1984 data.

Lung cancer incidence and mortality rates for females continued to increase markedly during the same period. Age-adjusted incidence and mortality rates of 32.6 and 24.3, respectively, represented over 41,000 new cases of lung cancer and over 35,000 deaths among U.S. women in 1983.

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**Editorial Note:** Approximately 15% of all invasive cancers diagnosed annually are cancer of the lung, and roughly 149,000 new cases and 130,000 deaths are expected in 1986 (3). It has long been established that cigarette smoking is the primary cause of lung cancer in the United States. The Surgeon General's report on smoking and health, published in 1964, was

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			31st Woek Er	nding	Cumulative, 31 st Week Ending			
	Disease	Aug. 2, 1986	Aug. 3, 1985	Median 1981-1985	Aug. 2, 1986	Aug. 3. 1985	Median 1981-1985	
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)		192	188	N	7.262	4.478	N	
Aseptic mer	ningitis	341	325	336	3.815	3.431	3.507	
Encephalitis	Primery (arthropod-borne				-,			
	& unspec.)	29	23	38	515	589	608	
	Post-infectious		3	1	63	36	60	
Gonorrhea:	Civilian	17.524	18.604	18.604	501.752	513,903	524.170	
	Militerv	359	389	613	9.396	12,500	14.093	
Hepatitis:	Type A	455	593	414	1 2845	12.835	12.835	
• • •	Type B	616	619	497		14,986	13.908	
	Non A. Non B	87	105	N	2.097	2.453	N	
	Unspecified	103	143	143	2,786	3.385	4.257	
Legionellosis		15	15	N	358	416	N	
Leorosy		5	7	5	168	218	152	
Malaria		36	41	22	569	577	577	
Measles: To	otal*	98	38	33	4.732	2.161	2.145	
Ind	digenous	91	29	Ň	4,499	1.824	N	
Im	ported	7	-9	N	233	337	N	
Meninoococ	cal infections. Total	43	33	43	1.675	1.597	1.888	
	Civilian	43	33	43	1.673	1.591	1.884	
	Military			-	2	6	9	
Mumos		79	35	33	3.019	2.075	2.310	
Pertussis		88	131	58	1.567	1.242	1.202	
Rubella (Ger	man measles)	5	9	10	360	447	728	
Syphilis (Pri	mary & Secondary) Civilian	533	50Õ	596	15.013	15.748	17.749	
	Military	3	1	4	105	113	230	
<b>Toxic Shock</b>	syndrome	10	6	Ň	212	234	N	
Tuberculosis		438	445	443	12.684	12.494	13.664	
Tuleremia	-	5	4	8	69	101	135	
Typhoid feve	br	3	10	10	154	200	221	
Typhus feve	r. tick-borne (RMSF)	27	26	44	423	374	640	
Rabias anim	al	71	115	107	3 203	3 144	3 769	

#### TABLE I. Summary-cases specified notifiable diseases, United States

#### TABLE II. Notifiable diseases of low frequency, United States

	Cum 1986		Cum 1986
Anthrex Between England	Ē	Leptospirosis	22
infant	28	Plague Poliomvelitis, Parelytic	4
Other Brucellosis (Ark 1 Tex 1)	1 40	Psittacosis (Pa. 1, Wash. 1, Alaska 1)	56
Cholera	-	Tetanus (III. 1, Okla. 1, Tex. 2)	34
Congenital rubella syndrome Congenital syphilis, ages < 1 year	11	Trichinosis Typhus fever flea-boma (endemic, munnel)Tex 5	20 29
Diphtherie	-	Hawaii 1)	

\*Five of the 98 reported cases for this week were imported from a foreign country or can be directly traceable to a known internationally imported case within two generations.

### TABLE III. Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending

August 2, 1986 and August 3, 1985 (31st Week)

	4/00	Aseptic	Encer	shahtis	Gonoribea		Hapatitis (Viral), by type			i en en et	a Argunting and a suburble the	
Reporting Area	AIDS	Menin- gitis	Primary	Post-in- fectious	(Civ	(Civilian)		B	NA,NØ	Unspeci- fied	losis	Leprosy
	Cum 1986	1986	Cum 1986	Cum 1986	Cum 1986	Cum 1985	1986	1986	1986	1986	1986	Cum 1986
UNITED STATES	7,262	341	515	63	501,752	513,903	455	616	87	103	15	168
NEW ENGLAND Maine NH Vt Mass R I Conn	321 12 6 164 19 117	14 5 2 1 6	14 2 3 7	3	12,124 535 311 159 4,996 1,004 5,119	13,958 630 324 183 5,388 1,068 6,365	8 	62 11 2 32 6 11	1	6 6 	1	6 
MID ATLANTIC Upstate N Y N Y City N J Pa	2,784 236 1.887 474 187	18 7 1 10	66 25 14 10 17	6 4 - 2	86,997 10,143 51,519 10,867 14,468	74,802 9,854 37,852 11,400 15,696	10 5 5	32 11 1 20	87	75 14 1	• • •	11 1 9 1
EN CENTRAL Ohio Ind III Mich Wis	444 100 42 206 78 18	92 14 17 35 26	131 38 29 28 31 5	9 2 3 1	66,068 16,910 7,009 18,498 20,998 2,653	68,306 17,169 7,242 18,211 19,314 6,370	22 11 4 3 4	36 10 7 2 17	3 - 1 - 1	4 1 2 1 1	1 9 	4 - 3 1
W N CENTRAL Minn Iowa Mo N Dak S Dak S Dak Nebr Kans	143 56 10 49 2 1 6 19	16 5 1 - 6 2 1	19 10 6 - 2 1	8 - - 1 7	22,162 3,101 2,188 11,176 190 453 1,669 3,385	23,801 3,473 2,559 11,339 159 434 2,123 3,714	8 - - - 3 -4	15 1 10 1 3	4-22	98 - 98 - 	4 1 1 - 2	2 1 - - 1
S ATLANTIC Dei Md D C Va W Va N C S C Ga Fla	885 16 100 132 97 5 41 21 138 335	70 5 4 19 27 15	68 4 21 21 10 10	22 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 17	124,860 2,099 15.261 9,742 10,755 1,340 20,646 11,592 15,862 37,563	132,761 2,401 17,207 8,899 10,961 1,469 20,299 12,932 26,655 31,938	37 1 4 - 1 10 21	114 11 3 1 8 17 40 34	10 - - 1 4 5	4-1-1-2	3 - - - 1 1	9 9 
E S CENTRAL Ky Tenn Ala Miss	99 19 53 17 10	10 2 7 1	32 13 3 15 1	3 - 1	41,347 4,628 15,997 11,731 8,991	42,928 4,834 16,744 13,319 8,031	9 6 1 2	26 3 6 13 4	211			48 - P
W S CENTRAL Ark La Okla Tex	480 21 100 27 332	33 4 2 27	69 3 14 52	3 - 3	61,326 5,619 10,958 6,838 37,911	65,166 6,364 12,784 6,879 39,139	53 1 3 6 43	56 1 13 8 34	9 1 4 4	37 1 2 34	4	12 1 11
MOUNTAIN Mont Idaho Wyo Colo N Mex Ariz Utah Nev	197 4 100 11 48 10 18	15 1 2 1 8 3	19 - 2328 31		15.051 436 497 335 3.894 1.530 4.849 642 2.868	16,007 435 499 382 4,777 1,821 4,806 694 2,593	66 2 - 6 7 48 1 2	47 2 - 5 29 36	8 - 1 - 3 2 1	10 1 2 1 4 2	1 1	11 - - 3 - 5 1 2
PACIFIC Wash Oreg Calif Alaska Hawan	1,909 82 35 1,759 9 24	73 1 66 6	97 10 85 2	8 - 8 -	71,817 5,385 2,859 61,085 1,656 832	76,174 5,527 3,703 64,079 1,803 1,062	242 34 16 188 4	228 41 7 176 3 1	42 9 1 32	26 3 23 -	1 1 - -	120 14 84 22
Guam P R V I Pac Trust Terr Amer Samoa	62 2 :	4 U	3	-	105 1.350 139 255 30	119 2,099 300 574 -	3 U 4	, 7 U 1	Ŭ	1 2 U 1	Ū	1 7 31 1

N Not notifiable

U Unavailable

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### TABLE III. (Cont'd.) Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending Maguet 2, 1986 and August 3, 1985 (31st Week)

\*For measles only, imported cases includes both out-of-state and international importations.

N Not notifiable U Unavailable <sup>†</sup>International <sup>9</sup>Out-of-state

Reporting Area	Syphilis (Primary & S	(Civilian) Secondery)	Toxic- shock Syndrome	Tuberculosis		Tula- remia	Typhoid Fever	Typhus Fever (Tick-borne) (RMSF)	Rabies. Animai
5. 25 March 1990	Cum 1986	Cum 1985	1986	Cum 1986	Cum 1985	Cum 1986	Cum 1986	Cum 1986	Cum 1986
UNITED STATES	15.013	15,748	10	12,684	12,494	69	154	423	3.203
NEW ENGLAND Maine N H Vt Mass R I Conn	297 15 10 6 158 16 92	326 9 7 3 169 11 127	1	390 30 10 12 195 27 116	424 34 15 4 255 35 81		9 - 7 - 2	5 - - 2 2 1	3
MID ATLANTIC Upstate N Y N Y City N J Pa	2,186 99 1,253 408 426	2.056 144 1,280 404 228	- - - -	2,563 380 1,335 456 392	2,310 392 1,145 317 456	1 - 1	14 2 6 5 1	13 5 4 1 3	378 47 12 319
EN CENTRAL Ohio Ind III Mich Wis	626 83 69 329 111 34	670 88 63 340 140 39	1 - - 1 -	1,517 261 163 665 354 74	1,543 284 193 672 301 93		13 2 2 5 2	48 46 1 1	73 5 12 23 16 17
W N CENTRAL Minn Iowa Mo N Dak S Dak S Dak Nebr Kans	138 24 76 2 2 11 17	135 28 15 66 2 4 7 13	2	367 93 31 182 6 16 7 32	328 63 42 154 6 18 13 32	21 17 2 1	6 1 - - -	27 1 12 1 5 3 4	514 60 117 57 116 101 22 41
S ATLANTIC Del Md D C Va W Va W Va S C Ga Fla	4.340 31 264 182 221 14 307 403 637 2,281	4,564 23 241 177 10 400 473 801 2,225		2,443 27 171 81 206 69 338 320 373 858	2,547 27 236 101 222 66 313 324 413 845	8 2 2 3	20 5 2 5 2 3 - 3	195 1 21 7 70 52 18 1	739 374 111 18 5 36 115 80
ES CENTRAL Κγ Tenn Ala Miss	1,025 47 369 327 282	1,228 36 366 406 420		1,107 262 317 347 181	1,118 246 325 347 200	6 2 3 1	1 - - 1	54 11 23 12 8	211 57 97 56 1
W S CENTRAL Ark La Okla Tex	3,127 157 523 85 2,362	3,642 187 634 101 2,720	4 - 3 1	1,633 213 266 156 998	1,508 165 203 158 982	29 19 1 6 3	13 - 1 11	74 3 61 10	487 111 14 42 320
MOUNTAIN Mont Idaho Wyo Colo N Mex Anz Utah Nev	354 6 7 87 46 150 10 48	429 3 6 102 72 217 5 21	1	292 16 11 22 66 140 20 17	330 46 15 5 41 61 134 6 22	3 - - 1 - 1 1	8 1 - 1 3 2 1	74	453 158 1 209 4 4 72 1 4
PACIFIC Wash Dreg Calif Alaska Hawaii	2,920 52 65 2,777 2 24	2,698 75 54 2,524 2 43	1 - - -	2,372 117 83 2.018 33 121	2.386 139 82 1.983 68 114	1 - - 1 -	70 3 63 1 3	- - - -	345 2 335 8
Guam P R V I Pac. Trust Terr Amer Samoa	1 535 165	2 486 1 80	U	33 173 1 36 3	30 206 1 38	- - -	4 39		28

# TABLE III. (Cont'd.) Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending August 2, 1986 and August 3, 1985 (31st Week)

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#### All Causes, By Age (Years) All Causes, By Age (Yests) Pai PRIM Reporting Area A۱ Total Reporting Area AN Total ≥65 45-64 25-44 1-24 < 1 45-64 25-44 1-24 < 1 Ages A 985 **NEW ENGLAND** 1.264 S ATLANTIC ē Boston, Mass Atlanta, Ga 27 Bridgeport, Conn Baltimore, Md Cambridge, Mass 73 Charlotte, N C Ż Fall River, Mass Jacksonville, Fla Ā Hartford, Conn Miami, Fla R ž à Lowell, Mass . Norfolk, Va ž 3 Lvnn Mass . Richmond, Va ż ĩ A New Bedford Mass Savannah, Ga ž a New Haven, Conn. St Petersburg, Fla ā Providence, R1 -Tampa Fla Somerville Mass Washington, D C Springfield Mass Wilmington, Del R . Waterbury Coord з **E S. CENTRAL** Worcester, Mass Birminoham, Ala 2,625 1,725 MID ATLANTIC Chattanooga, Tenn ž ž Albany, NY Knoxville, Tenn ĝ Allentown, Pa Louisville, Ky Buffalo, N Y Memphis, Tenn Camden, N J Mobile, Ala Elizabeth N J Montgomery, Ala ŝ Erie, Pa.t Nashville, Tenn Jersey City, N J N.Y. City, N.Y. 1.356 W S CENTRAL 1.231 Austin, Tex Newark, N J Baton Rouge, La Paterson, N J q q ģ ž Philadelphia, Pa § з Corpus Christi, Tex 7 Pittsburgh, Pa.t Dallas, Tex Reading, Pa. El Paso, Tex ā Fort Worth, Tex **Rochester N**Y я ž Schenectady NY Houston, Tex ğ Scranton, Pa t Little Rock Ark õ New Orleans, La Svracuse, N Y San Antonio Tex Trenton, N.J. . Shreveport La Utica NY з Yonkers N Y Tulsa Okla E.N. CENTRAL 2.310 1.506 MOUNTAIN з Akron Ohio Albuquerque, N Mex Canton, Ohio Colo Springs, Colo Chicago, III § Denver, Colo à Cincinnati, Ohio Las Vegas, Nev Cleveland, Ohio Ogden, Utah 2 Columbus, Ohio Phoenix, Ariz Pueblo, Colo Dayton, Ohio 67 3 Detroit, Mich. Salt Lake City, Utah Evansville, Ind Tucson, Ariz Fort Wayne, Ind 1,805 1,149 PACIFIC Gary, Ind Berkeley, Calif Grand Rapids, Mich Indianapolis, Ind Fresno, Calif ī Madison, Wis. Glendale, Calif ž Milwaukee, Wis Honolulu Hawaii ž Long Beach, Calif Peoria, III 1Õ Rockford III Los Angeles Calif ž **Oakland**, Calif South Bend Ind -Pasadena, Calif. § Toledo, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio ī ġ. Portland, Oreg.§ Sacramento, Calif San Diego, Calif W.N. CENTRAL Des Moines, Iowa Ĵ. San Francisco, Calif Duluth, Minn San Jose, Calif 12 Kansas City, Kans Seattle, Wash. Kansas City, Mo. Spokane, Wash Lincoln, Nebr. Tacoma, Wash Minneapolis, Minn 11.905 ++ 7.573 TOTAL 2,466 1,025 З Omaha, Nebr St. Louis, Mo St Paul Mion Wichita, Kans

#### TABLE IV. Deaths in 121 U.S. cities.\* week ending August 2, 1986 (31st Week)

\* Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 121 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of 100.000 or more.A death is reported by the place of its occurrence and by the week that the death certificate was filed. Fetal deaths are not included \* Preumonia and influenza.

t Because of changes in reporting methods in these 3 Pennsylvania cities, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks.

ttTotal includes unknown ages

§ Data not available. Figures are estimates based on average of past 4 weeks

#### Lung Cancer - Continued

followed in 1966 with congressionally mandated warning labels on cigarette packages and in advertising. Smoking prevalence among adult males in the United States decreased from 52% before the Surgeon General's report to about 35% in 1983. Such considerable decreases in smoking prevalence have not been observed among females; the smoking prevalence among women was 34% in 1965 and 29% in 1983 (4,5). Although emoking prevalence rates for women have never been as high as those for men, their rate of decline is about half that for men. Unfortunately, the percentage of smokers who smoke 25 or more cigarettes per day was 13% in 1965 and 25% in 1980, suggesting that the bulk of smoking cessation may have been among lighter smokers. During the 1960s, smokers began to use filter-tipped cigarettes and, in the 1970s, low-tar and -nicotine cigarettes (6). Both the decrease in prevalence and the changing types of cigarettes smoked have been suggested as major reasons for declines in age-specific and age-adjusted lung cancer rates.

Reports from the Surgeon General's Office on the health consequences of smoking have continued for almost 2 decades and have led to formation of policy on smoking reduction as a major element of the health promotion and disease prevention objectives for 1990 (7). Recently, the National Cancer Institute defined cancer prevention and control objectives for the year 2000, which include the following risk-factor reduction objectives: (1) the proportion of adults who smoke should be reduced to 15% or less; and (2) the proportion of children and youth aged 12-18 years who smoke should be reduced to 3% or less. The attainment of these goals will result in more than a 40% reduction in deaths due to lung cancer than would be expected if the current rates of smoking prevalence continue into the next century. *References* 

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#### Standardization and Evaluation of the Clinical Usefulness of Mycobacterial Skin Test Antigens

CDC, assisted by selected physicians and health departments throughout the United States, recently completed a study to determine biologically equipotent doses for skin test antigens prepared from several species of nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM). This standardization study was planned as a first step in evaluating the clinical and epidemiologic usefulness of the NTM antigens. In the past, these antigens were formulated on a protein-weight basis equivalent to intermediate strength (5 TU) tuberculin-purified protein derivative (PPD) (0.1  $\mu$ g/dose) and contained no stabilizer to reduce losses from adsorption to the container.

#### Mycobacterial Skin Test – Continued

To standardize the individual NTM antigen, consenting patients with compatible signs and symptoms and bacteriologically confirmed NTM disease received four skin tests of differing strengths of the antigen prepared from the homologous species of *Mycobacterium* and stabilized by Tween-80°. The skin tests were administered and measured by one experienced nurse, and the amount of induration was measured at 48 hours. Dose-response curves for each antigen were used to estimate the concentration bioequivalent to 5 TU of PPD-S (international standard tuberculin), i.e., the dose expected to produce a mean reaction of 16.0 mm induration, which is the mean reaction to 5 TU of PPD-S observed among a series of tuberculosis cases. From these data, standardized doses of PPD-B (*M. avium* complex), PPD-Y (*M. kansasii*), PPD-G (*M. scrofulaceum*), and PPD-platy (*M. marinum*) have now been prepared (Table 1).

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Editorial Note: A battery of standardized skin test antigens, including tuberculin and those prepared from NTM, has several potential uses: distinguishing mycobacterial from nonmycobacterial diseases; distinguishing *M. tuberculosis* from NTM infections and diseases; and distinguishing among specific NTM infections. This diagnostic potential could not be adequately assessed using the nonstandardized and nonstabilized preparations.

CDC is now beginning two studies to determine the clinical usefulness of the standardized NTM antigens. Adults with suspected mycobacterial pulmonary disease and children with chronic cervical lymphadenitis will be offered a battery of four standardized skin test antigens: PPD-B, PPD-Y, PPD-G, and PPD-tuberculin. The test results will be compared to the mycobacterial species subsequently isolated from the patients to determine the operational characteristics of these tests, e.g., sensitivity, specificity, and predictive value. Physicians interested in participating in these studies should contact CDC's Tuberculosis Clinical Research Branch at (404) 329-2530.

Antigen	Homologous mycobacterium	Persons tested	Dose bipequivalent to 5-TU PPD-S (μg/0.1 ml)		
PPD-B	M. avium complex	47	0.9468		
PPD-Y	M. kansasii	46	3.0334		
PPD-G	M. scrofulaceum	9	0.2603		
PPD-platy	M. marinum	19	0.2185		

## TABLE 1. Doses of nontuberculous mycobacterial antigens biologically equivalent to 5-TU PPD-S tuberculin in patients with disease due to homologous species

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#### Enterovirus Surveillance — United States, 1986

Reports of 54 nonpolio enterovirus (NPEV) isolates identified in March through May 1986 were received from state virology laboratories. Echovirus 4 was isolated most frequently (18/54), followed by coxsackievirus B5 (12 isolates), coxsackievirus B3 (six), coxsackievirus B2 (five), and coxsackievirus B4, echovirus 7, and echovirus 11 (three each). In 1985, the six most common NPEV isolates were echovirus 11 (217 of the 1,817 isolates), echovirus 21 (215), echovirus 6 and 7 (187 each), coxsackievirus B2 (134), and coxsackievirus B4 (113). These latter six NPEV types represented 58% of the total enterovirus isolates reported for 1985.

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Editorial Note: A retrospective study of CDC's NPEV surveillance data shows that isolates from March through May predict the types likely to be isolated in July through December, which includes the peak enterovirus season (1). The six most common isolates in March through May accounted for an average of 59% of the isolates detected in July through December each year. In 1985, they accounted for 57% of the isolates in July through December. The reports of early 1986 isolates suggest that echoviruses 4, 7, and 11 and coxsackie-viruses B2, B3, B4, and B5 are likely to be common NPEV isolates this year. All of the top six isolates reported so far this year, and five of the top six isolates reported in 1985, were in the top 15 most frequent isolates for 1970-1983 (1).

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FIGURE I. Reported measles cases - United States, weeks 27-30, 1986

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