

Use of Smallpox Vaccine in Laboratory and Health-Care Personnel at Risk for Occupational Exposure to Orthopoxviruses

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Proposed Revisions

- ❑ 1. Change “worker” to “personnel” in policy note in an effort to be more inclusive
- ❑ 2. Revise the proposed recommendation for healthcare personnel as follows: “Health-care personnel (e.g., physicians and nurses) **that currently treat or anticipate treating patients with vaccinia virus infections** whose contact with replication-competent vaccinia viruses is limited to contaminated materials (e.g., dressings) and persons administering ACAM2000 smallpox vaccine who adhere to appropriate infection prevention measures can be offered vaccination with ACAM2000 (recommendation category: B, evidence type 2).”

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- 3. Add the following statement to the revaccination section: “Public health and health care volunteers who were vaccinated as responders in the US Civilian Smallpox Preparedness and Response Program should refer to the October, 2008 CDC Interim Guidance for Revaccination of Eligible Persons who Participated in the US Civilian Smallpox Preparedness and Response Program which can be found at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/revaxmemo.asp>.”

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- ❑ 4. Add the following statement: “Persons with an orthopoxvirus exposure should be evaluated by a healthcare provider and clinical management decisions including postexposure smallpox vaccination should be made on a case-by-case basis in consultation with public health authorities.”

Questions?

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