



Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical **DIRECTIVE**

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SUBJECT: Herpes Zoster (Shingles) Immunization

References: Enclosure 1

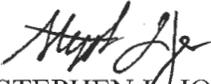
1. PURPOSE. This Directive, in accordance with the authority in References (a) through (d), implements the policy and recommendations in References (e) and (f) for the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF CapMed).
2. APPLICABILITY. This Directive applies to the JTF CapMed Headquarters (HQ), Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH) [hereafter, WRNMMC and FBCH are referred to as Joint Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs)], and Joint Pathology Center in the National Capital Region (NCR).
3. POLICY. It is JTF CapMed policy to reduce morbidity and mortality from herpes zoster (shingles) by vaccinating all adults aged 50 and older who meet the criteria (other than age) established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.
4. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2
5. RELEASABILITY. UNLIMITED. This Directive is approved for public release and is available on the JTF CapMed Website at www.capmed.mil.

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6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Directive:

a. Is effective upon publishing to the JTF CapMed Website; and

b. Must be reissued, cancelled, or certified current within 5 years of its publication in accordance with JTF CapMed Instruction 5025.01 (Reference (g)). If not, it will expire effective 10 years from its publication date and be removed from the JTF CapMed Website.


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Enclosures

1. References
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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Authorities for Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF CapMed)," February 7, 2012
- (b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Action Memorandum, "Civilian and Military Personnel Management Structures for the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical," January 15, 2009
- (c) Comprehensive Master Plan for the National Capital Region Medical, April 23, 2010
- (d) Supplement to the Comprehensive Master Plan for the National Capital Region Medical, August 31, 2010
- (e) JTF CAPMED D-5103.04, "Immunization Delivery Optimization Work Group Charter," April 12, 2012
- (f) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Update on Herpes Zoster Vaccine: Licensure for Persons Aged 50 Through 59 Years. MMWR 2011; 60:1528
- (g) JTF CapMed Instruction 5025.01, "Formats and Procedures for the Development and Publication of Issuances," March 5, 2012

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ENCLOSURE 2RESPONSIBILITIES

1. GENERAL. Oversight and guidance for the Immunization and Chemoprophylaxis Program within the NCR is the responsibility of the Immunization Delivery Optimization (IDO) Work Group. The IDO Work Group is the JTF CapMed executive oversight committee and point of contact for all matters related to immunizations and chemoprophylaxis (Reference (e)).

2. JOINT MTF COMMANDERS. The Joint MTF Commanders shall:

a. Identify all adults age 50 years and older who have no history of receipt of herpes zoster vaccine, and screen them for contraindications to and precautions for administration of herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine.

b. Provide those patients eligible for immunization with the most current Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) regarding herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine. The VIS is available at <http://www.immunize.org/vis>.

c. Immunize those patients age 50 and over without contraindications who elect immunization.

d. Ensure that, in the event of a herpes zoster vaccine shortage, priority for vaccine administration is given to patients who are most likely to benefit from herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine; i.e., persons 60-80 years of age.

e. Ensure patients needing evaluation for adverse events after immunization are promptly referred to appropriate medical providers.

f. Record the date the immunization is administered, the manufacturer and lot number of the vaccine, the vaccination site and route, and the name and title of the person administering the vaccine in the patient's health record. If the vaccine is not administered, record the reason(s) (e.g., medical contraindication, patient refusal) in the patient's health record.

g. Ensure emergency medical response is available, that personnel who administer immunizations are trained in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the administration of epinephrine, and that health care providers are available to respond to adverse events resulting from immunization.

h. Report all adverse reactions to herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine using the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System at <http://www.vaers.hhs.gov> or by calling 1-800.882.7967.