Subject: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF TETANUS TOXOID, REDUCED DIPHTHERIA TOXOID, AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (TDAP) VACCINE IN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (HCP) // POC/ CDR ROBERT LIPSITZ, 202-762-3495, DSN 762-3495, ROBERT.LIPSITZ@MED.NAVY.MIL. EMAIL: ROBERT.LIPSITZ@MED.NAVY.MIL // REF/A/DOC/ BUMED WASHINGTON DC/ 29 SEP 06/ REF/B/ MSG/BUMED WASHINGTON DC/071752 Z MAR11. REF/C/DOC/CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)/JAN 11/ NARR/ REF A IS BUMEDINST 6230.15A, IMMUNIZATIONS AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS. REF B IS BUMED MSG UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS ON TDAP DTG 071752 Z MAR11. REF C IS RECENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP) RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED 4 APRIL 2011 AVAILABLE AT HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/VACCINES/RECS/PROVISIONAL/DEFAULT.HTM.//

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2. IT IS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND NAVY POLICY TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CDC AND ACIP CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS UNLESS THERE IS A MILITARILY RELEVANT REASON TO DO OTHERWISE PER REF A, PARAGRAPH 2-1.

3. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS SUPPORT DIRECT LANGUAGE TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO FACILITATE THE UPTAKE OF TDAP AS ADVISED IN REFS B AND C.

4. THE CHIEF, BUMED, RECOMMENDS THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (HCP) REGARDLESS OF AGE SHOULD RECEIVE A SINGLE DOSE OF TDAP IF THEY HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED TDAP, HAVE NO MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATIONS OR ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS. THIS DOSE OF TDAP IS TO BE GIVEN REGARDLESS OF THE TIME SINCE LAST TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA DOSE.

5. TDAP IS NOT CURRENTLY LICENSED FOR MULTIPLE ADMINISTRATIONS. AFTER RECEIPT OF TDAP, HCP SHOULD RECEIVE ROUTINE BOOSTER IMMUNIZATION AGAINST TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA ACCORDING TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED GUIDELINES.

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