

# Monkeypox Update

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# Medical Countermeasures Stockpiled for Orthopoxviruses

- **Vaccines**

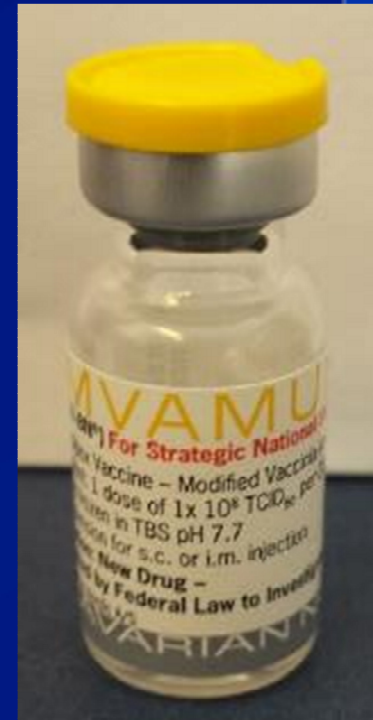
- JYNNEOS
- ACAM2000

- **Treatment**

- Tecovirimat
- Vaccinia Immune Globulin Intravenous (VIGIV)
- Cidofovir

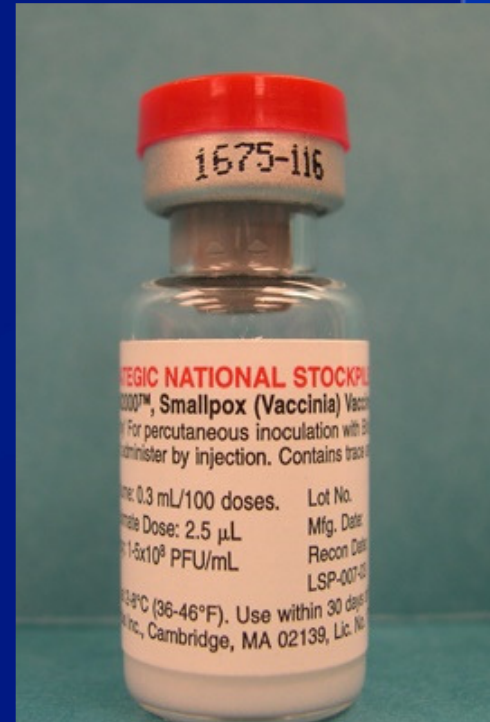
# JYNNEOS

- ❑ JYNNEOS is a live vaccine produced from the strain Modified Vaccinia Ankara-Bavarian Nordic (MVA-BN), an attenuated, non-replicating orthopoxvirus
  - Also known as IMVAMUNE, IMVANEX, MVA
- ❑ Licensed by FDA in September 2019
- ❑ Indication
  - JYNNEOS is indicated for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox disease in adults 18 years of age and older determined to be at high risk for smallpox or monkeypox infection
  - CDC is developing an Expanded Access Investigational New Drug Protocol to allow the use of JYNNEOS for monkeypox in pediatric populations



# ACAM2000

- ❑ ACAM2000 is a live vaccinia virus vaccine
- ❑ Licensed by FDA in August 2007
- ❑ Replaced Dryvax - license withdrawn by manufacturer and remaining vaccine destroyed
- ❑ **Indication**
  - ACAM2000 is indicated for active immunization against smallpox disease for persons determined to be at high risk for smallpox infection
  - CDC-held Emergency Access Investigational New Drug Protocol allows use for Non-Variola Orthopoxvirus Infection (e.g., monkeypox) during an outbreak



# ACAM2000 and JYNNEOS

	ACAM2000	JYNNEOS
<b>Vaccine virus</b>	Replication-competent vaccinia virus	Replication-deficient Modified vaccinia Ankara
<b>“Take”</b>	“Take” occurs	No “take” after vaccination
<b>Inadvertent inoculation and autoinoculation</b>	Risk exists	No risk
<b>Serious adverse event</b>	Risk exists	Fewer expected
<b>Cardiac adverse events</b>	Myopericarditis in 5.7 per 1,000 primary vaccinees	Risk believed to be lower than that for ACAM2000
<b>Effectiveness</b>	FDA assessed by comparing immunologic response and “take” rates to Dryvax*	FDA assessed by comparing immunologic response to ACAM2000 & animal studies
<b>Administration</b>	Percutaneously by multiple puncture technique in single dose	Subcutaneously in 2 doses, 28 days apart

\*Both ACAM2000 and Dryvax are derived from the NYC Board of Health strain of vaccinia; ACAM2000 is a “second generation” smallpox vaccine derived from a clone of Dryvax, purified, and produced using modern cell culture technology.

# Vaccine Supply

- **JYNNEOS**

- As of June 14, the SNS held more than 36,000 courses in its immediate inventory
- ~150,000 courses to be delivered in the next few weeks
- ~500,000 courses to be delivered this year
- ~250,000 courses to be manufactured from existing bulk vaccine to be delivered later this year
- ~7.9 million courses that could be filled and finished upon request by the government

- **ACAM2000**

- >100 Million doses

<https://aspr.hhs.gov/ASPRBlog/Pages/BlogDetailView.aspx?ItemID=432>

<https://www.bavarian-nordic.com/investor/news/news.aspx?news=6584>

## Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

- **On November 3, 2021, the Advisory Committee and Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend vaccination for select persons at risk for occupational exposure to orthopoxviruses**
- **Policy note published June 3, 2022**
  - Use of JYNNEOS (Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine, Live, Nonreplicating) for Preexposure Vaccination of Persons at Risk for Occupational Exposure to Orthopoxviruses: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022

# Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

- **People who should get PrEP include:**
  - Clinical laboratory personnel who perform testing to diagnose orthopoxviruses, including those who use polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays for diagnosis of orthopoxviruses, including Monkeypox virus
  - Research laboratory workers who directly handle cultures or animals contaminated or infected with orthopoxviruses that infect humans, including Monkeypox virus, replication-competent Vaccinia virus, or recombinant Vaccinia viruses derived from replication-competent Vaccinia virus strains
  - Certain healthcare and public health response team members designated by public health authorities to be vaccinated for preparedness purposes



## Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

- **At this time, most clinicians in the United States and laboratorians not performing the orthopoxvirus generic test to diagnose orthopoxviruses, including monkeypox, are not advised to receive orthopoxvirus PrEP**
  - Laboratorians should consult with laboratory biosafety officers and supervisors to identify risks and precautions, depending on the type of work they are doing
  - Clinicians and laboratorians should use recommended infection control practices

## ACIP Contraindications for ACAM2000 and JYNNEOS for PrEP

Contraindication	ACAM2000 Primary Vaccinees	ACAM2000 Revaccinees	ACAM2000 Household Contacts <sup>1</sup>	JYNNEOS
History or presence of atopic dermatitis	X	X	X	
Other active exfoliative skin conditions	X	X	X	
Conditions associated with immunosuppression	X	X	X	
Pregnancy	X	X	X	
Aged <1 year	X	X	X	
Breastfeeding	X	X		
Serious vaccine component allergy	X	X		X
Known underlying heart disease (e.g., coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathy)	X	X		
Three or more known major cardiac risk factors	X			

# Current Outbreak Response in the US

- **Surveillance (case identification, laboratory confirmation)**
- **Containment (isolation of cases, contact tracing)**
- **Vaccination of close contacts (PEP) based on risk exposure assessment\***
  - High degree of exposure: PEP recommended
  - Intermediate degree of exposure: Informed clinical decision making recommended on an individual basis to determine whether benefits of PEP outweigh risks
  - Brief interactions and those conducted using appropriate PPE in accordance with Standard Precautions are not high risk and generally do not warrant PEP

\* <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/monitoring.html#exposure>

## **Vaccine Strategy Considerations**

- **Jurisdictions with larger numbers of cases are reporting that high percentages of contacts cannot be identified**
  - Several considering or planning for expanded vaccination
  - Electing similar approaches to strategies being used in Montreal and the UK
- **Currently limited supply of JYNNEOS**
- **Some jurisdictions have expressed concerns about potential serious adverse events with use of ACAM2000, especially considering that milder disease is typically being reported**
- **CDC using the Evidence to Recommendation (EtR) framework to structure deliberations and guide vaccine strategy**

## Treatment Considerations for Monkeypox

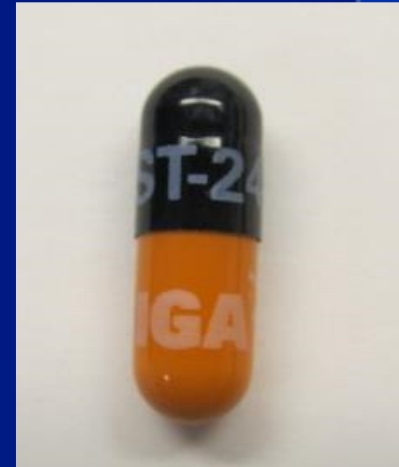
- Many individuals infected with monkeypox virus have a mild, self-limiting disease course in the absence of specific therapy
- The prognosis for monkeypox depends on multiple factors such as previous vaccination status, initial health status, and concurrent illnesses or comorbidities

# Treatment Considerations for Monkeypox

- **Persons who should be considered for treatment following consultation with CDC might include:**
  - Persons with severe disease (e.g., hemorrhagic disease, confluent lesions, sepsis, encephalitis, or other conditions requiring hospitalization)
  - Persons who may be at high risk of severe disease:
    - People with immunocompromising conditions (e.g., HIV/AIDS, leukemia, lymphoma, generalized malignancy, etc.)
    - Pediatric populations, particularly patients younger than 8 years of age
    - Pregnant or breastfeeding women
    - People with a history or presence of atopic dermatitis, people with other active exfoliative skin conditions
    - People with one or more complication
- **Persons with monkeypox virus aberrant infections that include its accidental implantation in eyes, mouth, or other anatomical areas where monkeypox virus infection might constitute a special hazard (e.g., the genitals or anus)**

# Tecovirimat

- ❑ **Tecovirimat is an antiviral medication that is approved by the FDA for the treatment of human smallpox disease in adults and pediatric patients weighing at least 13 kg**
  - Also known as TPOXX or ST-246
- ❑ **Oral capsule and IV formulations approved by FDA in July 2018 and May 2022, respectively**
- ❑ **Indication**
  - Tecovirimat is indicated for the treatment of human smallpox disease in adults and pediatric patients weighing at least 3 kg
  - CDC-held Emergency Access Investigational New Drug Protocol allows use of Tecovirimat for Non-Variola Orthopoxvirus Infection (e.g., monkeypox)
    - Includes allowance for opening an oral capsule and mixing its content with liquid or soft food for pediatric patients weighing less than 13 kg
- ❑ **Available from the Strategic National Stockpile as an oral capsule formulation or an intravenous vial**



# Vaccinia Immune Globulin Intravenous (VIGIV)

- ❑ **VIGIV is licensed by FDA for the treatment of complications due to vaccinia vaccination, including:**
  - Eczema vaccinatum
  - Progressive vaccinia
  - Severe generalized vaccinia
  - Vaccinia infections in individuals who have skin conditions
  - Aberrant infections induced by vaccinia virus (except in cases of isolated keratitis)
  
- ❑ **CDC-held Emergency Access Investigational New Drug Protocol allows use of VIGIV for Non-Variola Orthopoxvirus Infection (e.g., monkeypox)**





# Cidofovir

- ❑ Cidofovir (also known as Vistide) is an antiviral medication that is approved by the FDA for the treatment of cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis in patients with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- ❑ CDC-held Emergency Access Investigational New Drug Protocol allows the use of Cidofovir for Non-Variola Orthopoxvirus Infection (e.g., monkeypox)



# Medical Countermeasure Requests

- CDC is available for consultations to assist with medical countermeasure utilization including appropriate vaccine and antiviral use
- Clinicians should work with State or Territorial Health Authorities to requests vaccines, Tecovirimat, VIGIV, or cidofovir
- Health departments can reach CDC consultants through the CDC Emergency Operations Center



# Questions?

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