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SUBJECT: Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS)

I want to reiterate the importance of reporting vaccine adverse reactions. A VAERS report should be generated any time a vaccine recipient believes they have a problem related to a vaccine. We must never take patient concerns lightly.

It is not the provider's responsibility to determine causality in these incidents. For those reports that are submitted for anthrax immunizations, the Anthrax Vaccine Expert Committee (AVEC), an independent review board, makes the final determination if the adverse event(s) may be associated with an anthrax immunization(s). For more information, please refer to the 30 Jul 99 SG NOTAM 99-005 regarding AF/SG's VAERS reporting policy (Atch 1).

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