SMALLPOX

Pre-Event Screening Worksheet for Smallpox Vaccine:

IMPORTANT **INTERIM** SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION -- MARCH 27, 2003

There is evidence that suggests that smallpox vaccination may cause cases of heart inflammation (myocarditis), inflammation of the membrane covering the heart (pericarditis), and a combination of these two problems (myopericarditis). Experts are exploring this more in-depth.

Heart pain (angina) and heart attack have also been reported following smallpox vaccination. However, it is not known if smallpox vaccination caused these problems or if they occurred by chance alone (heart problems are very common). Experts are investigating this question also.

Reported events are not necessarily caused by the vaccine, and some or all of these events might be coincidental.

As a precautionary step, people who have been diagnosed by a doctor as having heart disease with or without symptoms should not receive smallpox vaccine at this time while experts continue their investigations.

Screening questions

Please answer the questions on the following pages to help you determine if you should not get smallpox vaccine at this time due to heart disease that may place you at greater risk for adverse reactions. Answer each question to the best of your knowledge. You may ask your health care provider or a clinic health care provider for assistance if you do not understand a question. If you need more information, visit www.cdc.gov/smallpox, or call the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675 (English), (888) 246-2857 (Español), or (866) 874-2646 (TTY)

Conditions	Do you have this condition?
A previous heart attack (also called myocardial infarction)	☐ YES ☐ NO
Angina Pectoris (chest pain caused by lack of blood flow to the heart)	☐ YES ☐ NO

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Cardiomyopathy	☐ YES ☐ NO
Congestive heart failure	☐ YES ☐ NO
Chest pain or shortness of breath with exertion (activity)	☐ YES ☐ NO

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, you should not receive the smallpox vaccine at this time while experts continue their investigations into these concerns.

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