# Immunization: Is Winter Here? An Update on Monkey Pox and Covid Vaccines



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### **Learning Objectives**

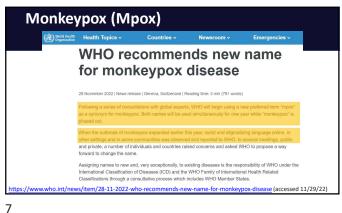
- $\bullet \hspace{0.4cm}$  At the conclusion of this CPE activity, participants should be able to:
  - Discuss trends in the epidemiology of the COVID-19 pandemic and Monkeypox outbreak.
  - Discuss current clinical data on the safety and effectiveness of (i) the bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines and (ii) the JYNNEOS or ACAM2000 vaccines for Monkeypox.
  - Explain whether a person would be eligible for receipt of (i) the bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines and/or (ii) the JYNNEOS or ACAM2000 vaccines for Monkeypox

### Let's get started

Monkeypox is the name and name-changing is the game. What has the World Health organization decided to call this infection and why?

- a. It will be "monk's disease," which will remove some of the stigmatizing language and remind people to live like a monk until the lesions disappear.
- b. It will be "mpox," which is intended to dissuade people from using racist and stigmatizing language to describe people infected with this virus.
- c. It will be "var-vac-human," reflecting its similarity to variola (smallpox) and vaccinia (viral vaccine for smallpox) and its mostly non-zoonotic transmission.

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Monkeypox - Background & Basics • Orthopoxvirus · DNA virus, large and fairly stable genome Similar to Variola (smallpox virus) & Vaccinia (viral vaccine for smallpox) Clade 1: mortality up to 12%, more virulence/immunomodulating genes Clade 2: less-severe infections (mortality <0.1%)

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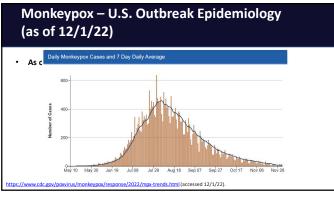
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#### Monkeypox - Background & Basics Zoonotic viral infection First described in primates in 1958 monkeys shipped from Singapore to Denmark First human infection in 1970 (D.R.C.) Child < 1 year old without smallpox vaccination "Clade 1" Mpox outbreaks throughout west/central Africa 1970-2020 Higher case fatality rates (>10%) U.S. outbreak in 2003: ~70 cases related to imported mammals (mostly //doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(22)02075-X. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congo\_rope\_squirrel

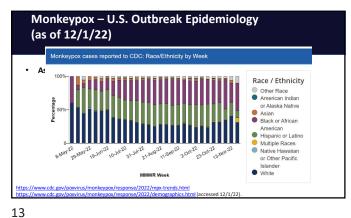
Monkeypox – U.S. Outbreak Epidemiology (as of 12/1/22) Total Cases: 29,607 Total Deaths: 17

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Monkeypox – U.S. Outbreak Epidemiology (as of 12/1/22) Monkeypox cases reported to CDC: Age and Gender Women women

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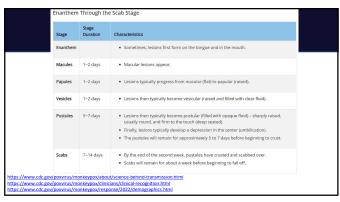
**Characteristics of the 2022 Mpox Outbreak: Transmission** • Mostly via close, intimate (usually sexual) contact w/symptomatic people Majority among men during male-to-male sexual contact · Occasional: Heterosexual • To children via close non-sexual skin-to-skin contact w/ caregiver(s) Needlestick · Piercing/Tattooing

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ı	Exposure source	Monkeypox virus DNA detected by PCR	Replication-competent virus detected/isolated	Epidemiologically supported source of infection
000	Skin	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Oropharynx and saliva	Yes*	Yes	Yes
	Anorectum	Yes	Yes	Yest
	Semen	Yes*	Yes	Insufficient data
	Urine/urethra	Yes	Yes	Insufficient data
	Conjunctiva or ocular fluid	Yes	Yes	Insufficient data
	Blood/plasma/serum	Yes	Insufficient data	Insufficient data
	Feces	Yes	Insufficient data	Insufficient data
	Vaginal fluid	Insufficient data	Insufficient data	Insufficient data
	Breastmilk	Insufficient data	Insufficient data	Insufficient data
	Contaminated sharp‡	Insufficient data	Insufficient data	Yes

**Characteristics of the 2022 Mpox Outbreak: Symptoms/Clinical Findings** • Rash with anogenital or oropharyngeal/perioral lesions • Commonly as first noticeable symptom · Fevers, chills Headache Lymphadenopathy

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**Mpox Symptoms/Clinical Findings** Rectal Bleeding 21%

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#### Who Should Get Vaccinated

In the current outbreak, you may want to get vaccinated if:

- You might have already been exposed to monkeypox if:
  - You have been identified as a close contact of someone with monkeypox.
  - You learn that one of your sex partners in the past 2 weeks has been diagnosed with monkeypox.
  - You are a man who has had sex with other men, or if you are a transgender or nonbinary person, and in the past 2 weeks you have had:
    - Sex with multiple partners or group sex.
    - Sex at a commercial sex venue (like a sex club or bathhouse).
    - $\,\blacksquare\,$  Sex at an event, venue, or in an area where monkeypox transmission is occurring.

https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/vaccines/vaccine-basics.html https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/faq.htm

#### Who Should Get Vaccinated

In the current outbreak, you may want to get vaccinated if:

- You might be exposed to monkeypox in the future, if:
  - You are a man who has sex with other men, or if you are a transgender or nonbinary person and in the past 6 months have had any of the following:
    - A new diagnosis of one or more sexually transmitted diseases including acute HIV, chancroid, chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis.
    - More than one sex partner.
  - · You are a person who in the past 6 months has had any of the following:
    - Sex at a commercial sex venue (like a sex club or bathhouse)
    - Sex at an event, venue, or in an area where monkeypox transmission is occurring.
  - $\circ\,$  You are a person whose sexual partner identifies with any of the above scenarios
  - $\circ\,$  You are a person who anticipates experiencing any of the above scenarios.

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### **Quick Question!**

#### What is eczema vaccinatum?

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- a. A complication of the ACAM2000 vaccination that can occur in patients who have eczema/atopic dermatitis, in which vaccinia virus disseminates to cause an extensive rash and systemic illness.
- A complication of the JYNNEOS vaccination that can occur in patients who have eczema/atopic dermatitis, in which vaccinia virus disseminates to cause an extensive rash and systemic illness.
- c. A complication of the ACAM2000 vaccination that can occur in patients who have any chronic skin condition, in which vaccinia virus disseminates to cause an extensive rash and systemic illness.

## **Vaccination Options for Mpox**

- ACAM2000 vaccine:
  - FDA Approved for prevention of smallpox (percutaneous administration)
  - Very limited data on effectiveness for mpox
    - Available for use during mpox outbreak via  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Expanded}\text{-}access}$  IND protocol
  - Significant/substantial toxicity concerns:
    - Myocarditis, pericarditis
    - Encephalitis, eczema vaccinatum

https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/vaccines/vaccine-considerations.html

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## **Vaccination Options for Mpox**

- JYNNEOS vaccine:
  - FDA Approved for prevention of mpox & smallpox in persons >18 y.o
  - EUA issued 8/2022 for:
    - Subcutaneous use in persons <18 y.o.
    - Intradermal use in persons >18 y.o.

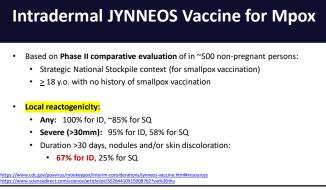
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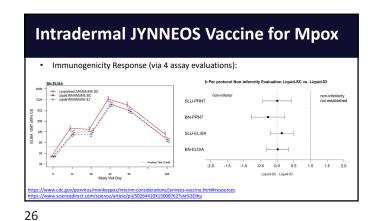
## **JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox**

- · Standard Regimen:
  - Subcutaneous (SQ) administration (0.5mL volume)
  - Two-dose series, 28 days apart
- EUA Regimen:
  - Intradermal (ID) administration (0.1mL volume)
  - Two-dose series, 28 days apart

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JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox:
Intradermal Administration

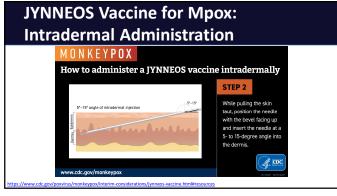
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How to administer a JYNNEOS vaccine intradermally

STEP 2

While pulling the skin tout, position the needle with the bevet facing up and insert the needle at a 5- to 15-degree angle into the dermis.

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JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox:
Intradermal Administration

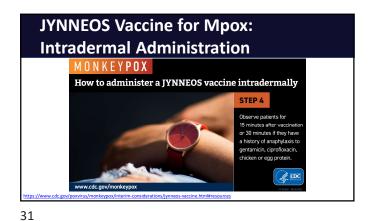
MONKEYPOX

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STEP 3

Slowly inject 0.1mL.
intradermally.
This should produce a noticeable pale elevation of the skin (wheal).

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# JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox: Clinical Pearls

- Data supports the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose can be given up to 35 days after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose
- · Not recommended to restart series if beyond 35 days
- No data on earlier administration (< 28 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose)
  - ACIP Best-practices for any vaccination: 4 day "grace period"

https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/interim-considerations/jynneos-vaccine.html#resources https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/timing.html https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4567089/

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## **Another question!**

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Andi is a person living with HIV infection who also is prone to keloids. This patient wants the JYNNEOS vaccination for mpox. What is the best course of action?

- a. Administer the vaccine intradermally
- b. Administer the vaccine subcutaneously
- c. Recommend using ACAM2000 instead

# JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox: Clinical Pearls

- Persons living with HIV Infection (PLWH):
  - ~40% of 2022 Mpox cases worldwide occurred in PLWH
  - Proven immunogenicity of JYNNEOS (SQ administration) based on prior study
  - Responses to ID and SQ influenza vaccines are similar in PLWH
- People of any age who have a history of developing keloid scars:
  - Administer via SQ route

https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/interim-considerations/jynneos-vaccine.html#resources

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# JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox: Clinical Pearls Intradermal administration can occur on inner forearm, upper arm, or upper back (below scapula) IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR REDUCING POTENTIAL

Total JYNNEOS Vaccine Second Doses and First Doses Reported to CDC

Second doses
First doses

Interpretation of November 29, 2022.

Vaccination Efforts for Mpox in the U.S.

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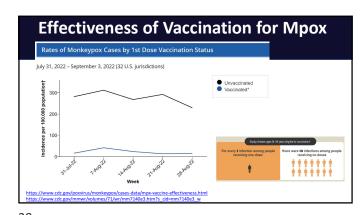
## Estimating the Effectiveness of Vaccination for Mpox

- Current epidemiologic data has many limitations due to:
  - · Reporting differences amongst states/jurisdictions
  - Imperfect definitions/estimations of population(s) at risk
  - · Testing differences amongst population(s) at risk
  - Potential behavioral differences for vaccinated/unvaccinated

 $\underline{https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/cases-data/mpx-vaccine-effectiveness.html}$ 

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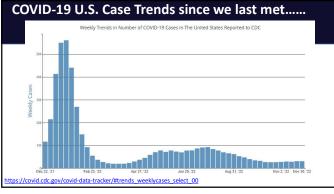
#### **COVID-19 Infection**

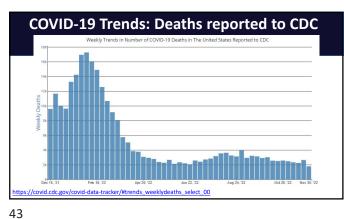
#### What about COVID?

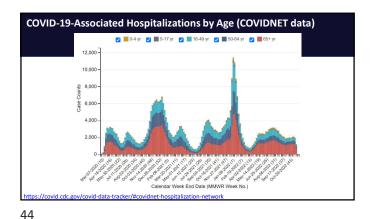
Good news! News reporters and Internet sites are began announcing in the spring and summer of 2022 that the global pandemic had ended. What do you think of that?

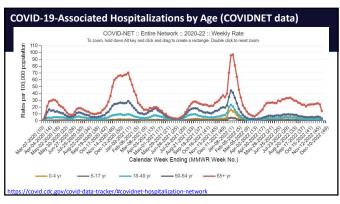
- 1. YAY! Science prevailed and we obliterated that bad boy and sent it away!
- 2. FAKE NEWS. Approximately 2,000 Americans still die each week from COVID.
- 3. CORRECT, but COVID is still a major concern in our socially inclined young adults.

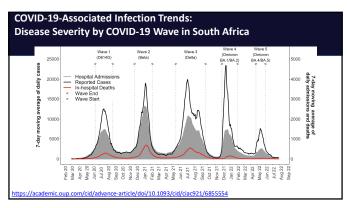
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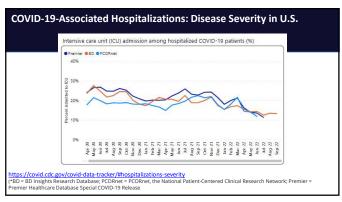


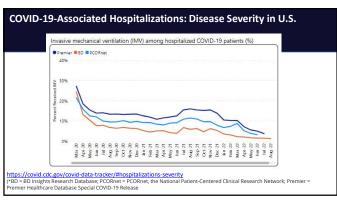


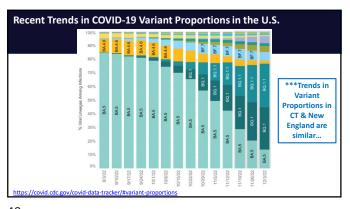












#### **COVID-19 Infection Vaccination Basics**

- Vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and over
- Type(s) of approved vaccines varies based on the age of the person
- mRNA vaccines generally preferred:
  - Limited roles for viral vector ("Janssen") and protein derivative (Novavax) vaccines at this time
  - · Myocarditis/pericarditis are rare w/ mRNA vaccines
    - risks are important to consider (esp. males ages 12–39 years)
- Vaccination / booster doses are recommended even in persons with a recent history of COVID-19 infection
  - Usually delay administration by ~2-3 months

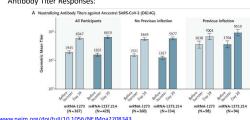
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# Quick Question! What does the data say about adverse effects associated with the bivalent COVID-19 boosters? a) The most common adverse effects are systemic (fever, chills, fatigue) b) The most common adverse effects are central (headache, mental fogginess) c) The most common adverse effects are local (pain, erythema, swelling)

What data are there on Vaccine Effectiveness/Activity against Trending COVID-19 Variants?

- Phase 2/3 comparative study of Moderna mRNA-1273.214 bivalent vaccine
- · Antibody Titer Responses:

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What data are there on Vaccine Effectiveness/Activity against Trending COVID-19 Variants?

Recent pre-print on Pfizer mRNA mono-/bivalent vaccine
Neutralizing antibody titer responses (pseudovirus assay):

Monovalent (2021)
Uninfected

Monovalent (2022)

Monovalent (2022)

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Phase 2/3 comparative study of Moderna mRNA-1273.214 bivalent vaccine

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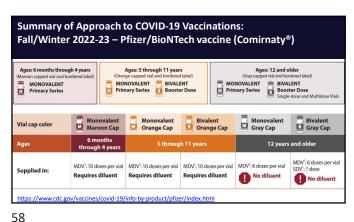
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Summary of Approach to COVID-19 Vaccinations:

Fall/Winter 2022-23 — Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine (Comirnaty®)

For Most Persons

Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 6 months—4 years)

Pfizer-BioNTech (Ages 5 years and older)

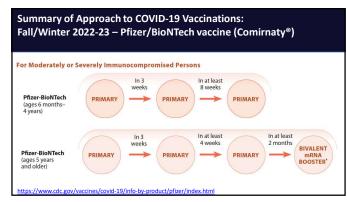
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In 3-8 weeks
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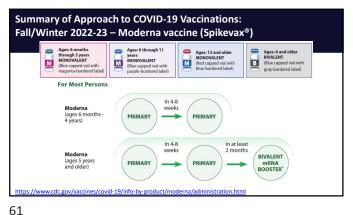
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In at least 2 months
BIVALENT mRNA BOOSTER'

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/index.html



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Summary of Approach to COVID-19 Vaccinations: Fall/Winter 2022-23 - Moderna vaccine (Spikevax®) For Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised Persons in 4 weeks PRIMARY BIVALENT mRNA BOOSTER' PDIMARY PDIMARY

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#### **Summary of Approach to COVID-19 Vaccinations:** Fall/Winter 2022-23 - Novavax vaccine U.S. EUAs issued: July, August (use for primary series in 12+ y.o.)

- October (booster after a mRNA primary series in >18 y.o. for whom an FDA-authorized mRNA bivalent (OVID-19 booster vaccine is not accessible or clinically appropriate and in individuals 18 years of age and older who elect to receive the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Adjuvanted because they would otherwise not receive a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine)
- Protein subunit vaccine
- Adjuvant: Quillaja saponaria Molina extract
- Other ingredients:
  - · Lipids (cholesterol, phosphatidylcholine)
- Salts, sugars, acids (polysorbate-80, sodium/potassium chlorides & phosphates)

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os://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/overview-COVID-19-vaccines.html#protein-subunit

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#### **Summary of Approach to COVID-19 Vaccinations:** Fall/Winter 2022-23 - Novavax vaccine

- Storage: refrigerate between 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F)
- 10-dose vial, but must discard remaining contents 6h after 1st puncture
- Warnings/Precautions:
  - Myocarditis/pericarditis has occurred after administration
- Solicited adverse effects:

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injection site pain/tenderness (82.2%), fatigue/malaise (62.0%), muscle pain (54.1%), headache (52.9%), joint pain (25.4%), nausea/vomiting (15.6%), injection site redness (7.0%), injection site swelling (6.3%), and fever (6.0%)

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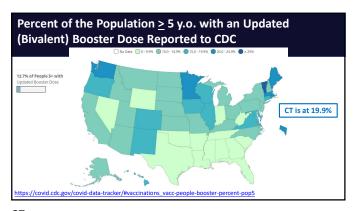
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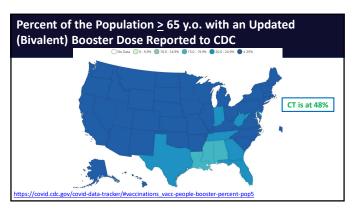
#### Last question!

Based on current vaccination statistics about populations that have the poorest booster coverage for COVID-19, which of the following population should pharmacists be encouraging to **GET VACCINATED!?!** 

- a) Children age 5 or younger in the Great Lakes regions
- b) People older than 65 in the Pacific northwest
- c) Everybody everywhere

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## Thank you!!!

• Questions?

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