



## BUG BITES

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### ZOSTER VACCINE

There is a new Herpes Zoster vaccine named Shingrix. Compared to the older vaccine, it is **NOT** a live vaccine, and therefore can be given to a wider range of patients, including those who are immunocompromised. Also, it is recommended for adults aged >50 as opposed to adults aged >60 and is given in 2 doses instead of 1. Even if patient got the other vaccine, we recommend this one if covered. It will eventually be available on formulary at VCMC and clinic.

### PNEUMONIA

If you suspect pneumonia, consider sending urine *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and legionella urine antigen, and/or mycoplasma serologies (IgM/IgG) early on. Ensure the tests are ordered as nurse collect and not lab collect or it will not flag the nurses! We are working on correcting that in cerner. If you are waiting a long time for these results, first check to see if collected!

### RADIOLOGY

It is real important to give radiology an all inclusive summary statement when ordering studies. Also, don't forget to read the findings within the report and not just the impression.

### Did you know?

If you have a patient with a positive RPR for syphilis, the first thing to do is call public health at 805-981-5201 to get more data on history. Often times, they have more information on the history and treatment course.

### Question of the Month

True or False: A negative quantiferon rules out active tuberculosis.

**False.** You can still have pulmonary tuberculosis with a negative quantiferon blood test. This test is more useful for latent tuberculosis.

Many of us walked for water to raise awareness for Dr. Wally Baker's organization

<http://www.cleaninternational.org/>

