Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)

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New Approval Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine

- In September 2019, the FDA approved Jynneos, Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine, Live, Non-Replicating 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.
- Although naturally occurring smallpox disease is no longer a global threat, its intentional release of this highly contagious virus could have a devastating effect.
- This approval reflects the U.S. government's commitment to emergency preparedness.
- The vaccine will be stored in the Strategic National Stockpile.

Vaccines Advisory Committee Meeting

- On November 8, 2019, the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) met to discuss and make recommendations on the development of chikungunya vaccines.
- Chikungunya is a viral disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. It causes fever and severe joint pain. Other symptoms include muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue and rash.
- The committee discussed the feasibility of randomized, controlled clinical disease endpoint efficacy trials, the role of seroepidemiologic data in identifying an immune marker reasonably likely to predict vaccine effectiveness, and the utility of the non-human primate (NHP) challenge model to assess effectiveness of chikungunya vaccines.

Thank you!

