



Anthrax (Bacillus Anthracis)

(to be carried at all times and presented to medical personnel in the event of exposure)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

The individual carrying this card works in a laboratory with B. anthracis and may have come into contact via direct and indirect contact of skin with cultures and contaminated laboratory surfaces, accidental parenteral inoculation, or exposure to infectious aerosols.

Note: This card is intended to be informational and should not substitute for clinical presentation and provider judgment of individual clinical cases

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MEDICAL ALERT INFORMATION – B. anthracis

The person carrying this card has an occupational exposure to anthrax (B. anthracis). Call **911** to receive emergency medical care. Call Occupational Health at **301-405-3315** to report exposure

COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Incubation period usually 2-5 days, but can be up to 2 months (after inhalation)
- Cutaneous anthrax - skin lesion becoming papular, then vesiculated and developing into a depressed eschar
- Inhalation anthrax - respiratory distress, fever
- Intestinal anthrax - abdominal distress followed by fever

POST-EXPOSURE TREATMENT

- Thoroughly wash any skin wounds with soap and water and/or flush eyes or other affected mucous membranes with water
- Flush wound and/or eyes
- 60 days of treatment with either
 - Ciprofloxacin (500 mg every 12 hours) OR
 - Doxycycline (100 mg every 12 hours) PLUS
 - Three-dose series of anthrax vaccine adsorbed (AVA) at 0, 2 and 4 weeks (only for those previously unvaccinated)