Francisella tularensis
(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 Francisella tularensis, and may have come into contact via direct contact of skin or mucous membranes, percutaneously, ingestion, or inhalation.

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

The person carrying this card has an occupational exposure to Francisella tularensis. Immediately call Occupational Health at 301.405.3315

COMMON SYMPTOMS
- Incubation period: 1-14 days (usually 3-5 days)
- Ulceroglandular: Ulcer appears at the affected site, with lymph node swelling
- Oculoglandular disease: conjunctivitis & lymph gland swelling in front of the eye
- Oropharyngeal: mouth ulcers, tonsillitis and swelling of lymph glands
- Respiratory: Pneumonia (most serious form) with chest pain, cough and difficulty breathing; could be non-specific (nausea, vomiting) with no respiratory symptoms

POST-EXPOSURE TREATMENT
- Thoroughly wash any skin wounds with soap and water and/or flush eyes or other affected mucous membranes with water
  - Within 24 hours of exposure:
    - Doxycycline (100 mg orally twice daily for 14 days)
  OR
    - Ciprofloxacin (500 mg orally twice daily for 14 days)