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ANTHRAX

WARNING

CONTAMINATED DRUG SUPPLY

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ANTHRAX SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

INFECTION AT INJECTION SITE

- Infection (including redness and swelling) of the injection site or of an area close to it
- Tenderness or pain around an injection site or wound
- Discharge of fluid or pus from wounds
- A raised temperature
- Feeling generally unwell and weak, with aches and pains including headache.

INFECTION IN THE SKIN

- Usually occurs 2-7 days after exposure.
- Usually begins as a raised/swollen, itchy red bump, similar to an insect bite.
- Within 1-2 days developing into a clear blister or abscess and then an ulcer, which may be painless and may also be black in the centre.
- Flu-like symptoms, with fever, headache and/or nausea.

INFECTION VIA INHALATION

- Flu like illness (fever, headache, muscle aches, cough), which may cause breathlessness and chest pains.
- Rapid deterioration of consciousness – lapsing into a coma.



! IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, PLEASE SEEK URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION AT YOUR LOCAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

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