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Subject: MESSAGE FROM THE CMO -- IV Acyclovir Shortage
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TO: UCSF PHYSICIANS

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RE: IV ACYCLOVIR SHORTAGE

IV Acyclovir is on backorder from the manufacturer and its use at UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Children's Hospital is being restricted until it becomes available. We have a limited supply.

All requests for IV acyclovir require approval from an Infectious Diseases physician, except requests from midnight to 7 a.m. During that period, one dose of IV acyclovir may be given without approval from Infectious Diseases. Approval is required for all subsequent doses.

Effective immediately, please follow the guidelines below.

§ **Pediatrics** -- Ordering M.D. will page the pediatric Infectious Diseases fellow at 443-9503 for approval of IV acyclovir order.

§ **Adults --** Ordering M.D. will page the adult Infectious Diseases fellow at 443-8628 or adult Transplant Infectious Diseases fellow at 443-2552 for approval of IV acyclovir order.

For more information, please contact Dr. Catherine Liu in Adult Infectious Diseases at catherine.liu@ucsf.edu or 476-5231 or Dr. Peggy Weintrub in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at pweintru@peds.ucsf.edu or 476-8016.

Thank you.