



Update on the Pre-departure Medical Screening (PDMS) Form in EDN

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Dear State Refugee Health Coordinator,

The Electronic Disease Notification (EDN) team is in the process of preparing EDN to make the entire pre-departure medical screening (PDMS) form available for users (currently, only select portions of the PDMS form are available in EDN). While we work on this transition to the complete PDMS form, you may have noticed incomplete or absent overseas anti-helminthic data in EDN since November 2013. We are currently working closely with the International Organization of Migration (IOM) to ensure accurate and timely transmission of the PDMS data, and expect this complete PDMS to go live in EDN by late January/early February 2014.

Health care providers completing a domestic refugee health assessment can assume that refugees from certain countries are receiving presumptive anti-parasitic treatment pre-departure even without overseas documentation. To identify the presumptive parasitic treatments currently given to the various refugee populations by IOM, you may refer to the CDC Treatment Schedules for Presumptive Parasitic Infections that can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/guidelines/overseas/interventions/interventions.html>

Refugees with certain health conditions however are excluded from receiving presumptive treatment. A list of these conditions can be found here:

<http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/guidelines/overseas/intestinal-parasites-overseas.html#precautions>.

For questions, please contact Sharmila Shetty at: sshetty@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Burke", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

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