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TO : Manufacturers of Plasma Fractionation Products
FROM : Director, National Center for Drugs and Biologics
SUBJECT: Meeting Concerning Opportunistic Infections in Hemophilia A Patients

Three cases of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) in patients with Hemophilia A receiving antihemophilic factor have recently been reported to the Centers for Disease Control. All three patients were heterosexual white men without a history of intravenous drug abuse.

During the past year several hundred cases of life-threatening opportunistic infections have been reported in persons without predisposing diseases. Most of these infections have been in homosexual men and individuals who were IV drug abusers. Copies of articles from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports, in addition to those provided to you earlier, are enclosed. Although the cause of this outbreak is unknown, the information suggest that a transmissible agent might be involved and concern about transmission through blood and blood products has been raised.

As was indicated in earlier contacts with you, a meeting is planned to discuss this issue at the Office of Biologics on Friday, July 16, 1982 at 9:00 a.m.

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