

2015- According to Veterans Affairs interview with <u>NewsWeek</u>, 50,000 veterans that have hepatitis C remain unidentified in the Health Administration. Jetgun devices are not listed as a risk factor for screening. <u>Read more</u>

Jetgun (Airgun) Injections

(AKA MUNJI or PCNFI)

<u>1970 Jetgun Nursing Instructions</u> **1970 Army Medical Department Handbook of Basic Nursing-** Military nursing instructions- how to use the jetgun, detailing how the device got contaminated.

Weniger BG, Papania MJ.

2013 Alternative Vaccine Delivery Methods [Chapter 61]. This body of evidence supports the conclusion that the design of MUNJIs is inherently unsafe, and any reuse of fluid pathways or unsterile components that are in direct or indirect contact with consecutive patients should be abandoned... Despite the recommendations against MUNJI use for vaccination by public health authorities, and their withdrawal by the US military... continue to be used in the United States in dentistry... <u>Safety of</u> <u>multiuse-nozzle jet injectors (MUNJIs)</u>



2011 <u>Jet injection History and Applications</u> ...potential for disease transmission when blood contamination of the fluid path or the injectable product occurs during a previous injection. Contamination can occur on the skin contacting surface of the injector or inside the injector from splash-back. It is also possible that the replaceable cap may become contaminated. In addition, in-between use cleaning of any component in or around the fluid path may result in contamination."....and....."In addition, for jet injectors, the extent of "wear and tear" on the nozzle and fluid path is of concern.



2008 <u>Jet injectors (MUNJIs) & Bifurcated Needles</u> ...epidemiologic investigations and analyses, and human trials of the Ped-O-JetR and similar MUNJIs once used in smallpox campaigns demonstrated these "jet guns" capable of HBV transmission, even when nozzles were alcohol-swabbed between injections per manufacturer instructions. In the 1990s, the Ped-O-Jet was recalled, its use abandoned by the U.S. military,

and contraindicated by WHO and CDC. The latest 2008 study detected HBV contamination by PCR after 8% of MUNJI injections of HBV-carrier volunteers.

2005 FDA Safety of Jetguns Advisory Meeting

DR. FRIEDE: The devices (jetguns) that we have seen ...show that frequent contamination...was clearly of a level of blood that we are convinced can carry disease. So the devices which do not have a protection cap which are to be used for giving intramuscular injection we are convinced that these carry a significant risk.

2004 Patent- <u>Jetgun Protector cap</u> cross-contamination continues to be problematic because in the injection stage, the contaminated matter can be transferred through the nozzle to inside the injector such as, for example, into the cavity and be transmitted to a new patient through a new cap and nozzle...Such injectors had no provision for preventing the transfer of blood-borne pathogens except through the complicated disassembly and disinfecting process....

1997 <u>**Paris Island Air Force inspection**</u> Full Report ... noted that jet injector nozzles were frequently contaminated with blood, yet sterilization practices were frequently inadequate or not followed...

In Memory of Corporal Gary Lupole, USMC, fourth in line. USMC Paris Island 1968



Military Withdraws Jetgun Devices

Web Reference <u>http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/251800z.txt</u> Copy of complete report <u>DoD-USCG Withdraw Jetgun</u>

1997 Military discontinues the use of the multiuse jet injectors (MUJI) due to concerns over contamination.

1998 Military uses a protector cap needle-free injector (PCNFI) jet injectors with a replaceable rubber cap to avoid transmission of Hepatitis C and other bloodborne pathogens until

2006 Military replaces the PCNFI with a disposable-

The MUNJIs are known by the trade names: Ped–O–Jet®, Med–E–Jet®, Hypospray®, DermoJet®

> Jetgun Vaccinator (old style) Click on the Pictures to enlarge

cartridge jet injectors (DCJIs) determined to be too slow and not cost ineffective.

2006

Headquarters

Departments of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard- Washington, DC- 29 September 2006

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Army Regulation 40–562 BUMEDINST 6230.15A AFJI 48– 110 CG COMDTINST M6230.4F Medical Services Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis 2– 8. Jet–injection immunization devices

a. The DOD and USCG withdrew needle–free multi use nozzle jet injectors (MUNJIs) ... **due to safety concerns.**..use of the <u>same unsterile nozzle and fluid</u> <u>pathway</u> to inject consecutive patients ... were usually refilled quickly from attached multidose vaccine vials. These devices remain unapproved and will not be used.

b. A new generation of needle–free disposable–cartridge jet injectors (DCJIs) avoid the safety concerns for MUNJIs by their use of a new, disposable, sterile fluid pathway... approved for military use in accordance with the manufacturer's current recommendations, especially with regard to infection control.

However, the <u>recent 2008 FDA Study show 8.2%</u> <u>contamination</u> for newer "improved" model... researchers stopped the test and rejected the device....

So how bad were the old ones? Read <u>2005 FDA Safety</u> <u>of Jetguns Advisory Meeting</u>





Active Duty- ALERT!

Military issues orders to start using the jetguns again (1998-11-25)

(http://wwwnehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/251800z.txt) with a new, disposable rubber cap to provide a sterile fluid pathway... approved for military especially with regard to infection control.



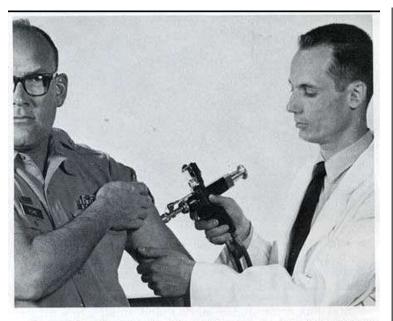
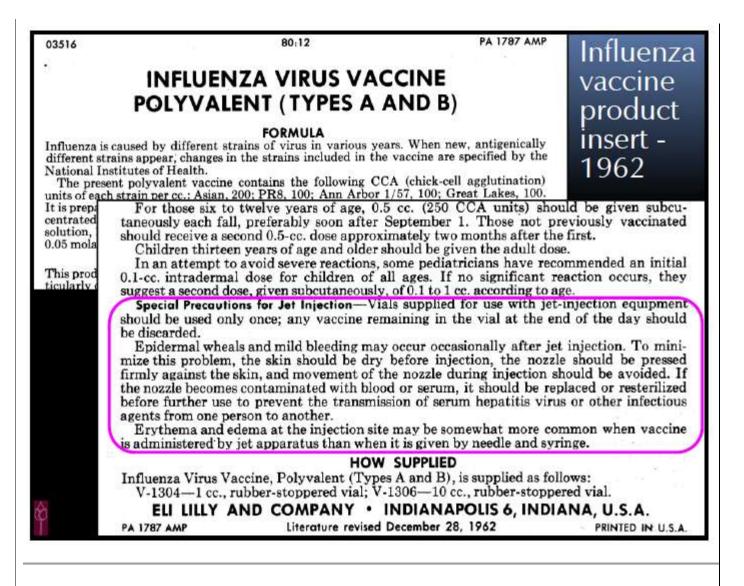


FIGURE 12.—Hypodermic jet injection gun, developed by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command, being used to administer an inoculation. This device provides a fast, safe method for giving mass inoculations to troops.

<u>Video- Jetgun Injections</u> CBS " 60 MINUTES" documentary on the swine flu epidemics of 1976 in the U.S. <u>http://www.dailymotion.com/</u>



1970 Jetgun Warning & Vaccines .. problems associated with the dilution of vaccine LYMPH to volumes...used by jet injectors, and partly because LYMPH is NOT necessarily bacteriologically sterile...regarded as unsuitable for intradermal inoculation." Lymph is the same thing as blood plasma....and plasma contains a protein called ALBUMIN. So if plasma is not sterile then neither is albumin.

Who received smallpox vaccination in the past?

In 1990, the Department of Defense discontinued routine vaccination of recruits. <u>http://www.vaccines.mil/documents/Smallpox_QA.pdf</u>

Must Read "The Unintended Consequences of Vaccine Delivery Devices Used to Eradicate Smallpox: Lessons for Evaluating Future Vaccination Methods" B. G. Weniger.. <u>2008 Jet</u> injectors & Bifurcated

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