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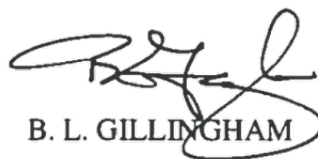
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NAVAL MEDICAL FORCES ATLANTIC  
COMMANDER, NAVAL MEDICAL FORCES PACIFIC  
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Subj: INTERCHANGABILITY OF FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED  
PFIZER-BIONTECH VACCINE COMIRNATY® AND FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION-AUTHORIZED PFIZER-BIONTECH VACCINE UNDER  
EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION

Ref: (a) Comirnaty® Biologics License Application  
(b) Emergency Use Authorization for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine of  
23 Aug 2021

1. Purpose. Address the interchangeability of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved Comirnaty® and FDA-authorized Pfizer-BioNTech Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine.
2. Background. On 23 August 2021, the FDA approved the Biologics License Application submitted by Pfizer-BioNTech for individuals 16 years of age and older, reference (a). On the same day the FDA revised the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 12-15 years of age and for a third dose in immunocompromised individuals, reference (b).
3. The FDA-approved vaccine, and the vaccine used under the EUA, have the same formulation, and can be used interchangeably to provide the COVID-19 vaccination series without presenting any safety or effectiveness concerns. Navy medical providers can use Pfizer-BioNTech doses previously distributed under the EUA to administer mandatory vaccinations.



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