NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019 nCoV)
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats. It is the cause of an outbreak of a flu like, respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China in 12/2019. Much is unknown about how it spreads and how it will spread moving forward. Limited information is available to characterize the spectrum of clinical illness associated with 2019-nCoV. No vaccine or specific treatment for infection is available; care is supportive. As of 2/5/20, there are 6 confirmed cases in CA, but new details are emerging daily. Remember to ask all of your patients with fever and respiratory illness about travel history, especially to China. Please see CDC website for more information.

PNEUMONIA VACCINE UPDATE
• Prevnar13 vaccination is no longer routinely recommended for all adults > 65 years!
• Adults > 65 years should still receive 1 dose of Pneumovax23
• Adults > 65 years who received Pneumovax23 before age 65 years should receive another dose at age > 65 years, at least 5 years later
• Adults 19-64 with immunocompromising conditions (cancer, HIV, chronic renal failure, asplenia), CSF leak, or cochlear implant should still receive Prevnar13 then Pneumovax at least 8 wks later

Question of the Month
Is it too late to get the flu shot?
No! Flu vaccination has important benefits even if coverage is not very high. It can reduce flu illnesses, doctors’ visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. Flu vaccine has been shown to be life-saving in children and adults.

Did you know?
We have recently been seeing patients with pulmonary cocci/Valley fever also have pulmonary embolism/PE or deep vein thrombosis/DVT. This is not a well-described phenomenon in literature and it is being investigated by our physicians. We recommend you keep the possibility of PE and DVT in mind when someone has coccidioidomycosis and still has fever, chest/leg pain, etc.

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ID website for resources: http://www.venturafamilymed.org/rotations/infectious-disease