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Subject : RE: Vitamin A Concerns

I've been thinking about this issue. From what I understand, Vit. A may have more benefit in malnourished populations. Which is probably not the case in the outbreak area. Secondly, public health has always focused on prevention. If we start heavily touting the benefits of Vitamin A, that seems to diminish our mission of preventing measles by vaccination. How many people will choose Vitamin A and not a vaccine because it appears to them there are two options? And finally, in the end, we're not the treating providers.

I know that Vit. A has been utilized some in Gaines County from discussions with Melanie. She has seen some kids and viewed the medication bottles brought with them.

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I know the CDC included information about Vitamin A treatment in their press release. I spoke with Dr. [REDACTED] expressed concern about promoting Vitamin A because they are seeing elevated levels in hospitalized children. This suggests that parents may already be administering it at home.

I wanted to pass this along to you and maybe you can share this with the CDC folks. It would be great to have a flyer about when it's appropriate to use Vitamin A.

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