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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local health department communicable disease, laboratories, hospital infection control preventionists, infection disease physicians, ophthalmologists, and optometrists.

FROM: Kenneth Soyemi, MD
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DATE: April 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Call for Cases of Fungal Endophthalmitis Following Invasive Ocular Procedures

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, together state and local health departments, and the Food and Drug Administration are investigating fungal endophthalmitis following invasive ocular procedures. If any clinicians or laboratories are aware of case(s) of fungal endophthalmitis following any invasive ocular procedure including but not limited to vitrectomy, corneal surgery, or intraocular injections from August 24, 2011 to May 16, 2012; kindly contact your local health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health communicable disease section at 217-785-7165.

We thank everyone for their cooperation in this investigation.