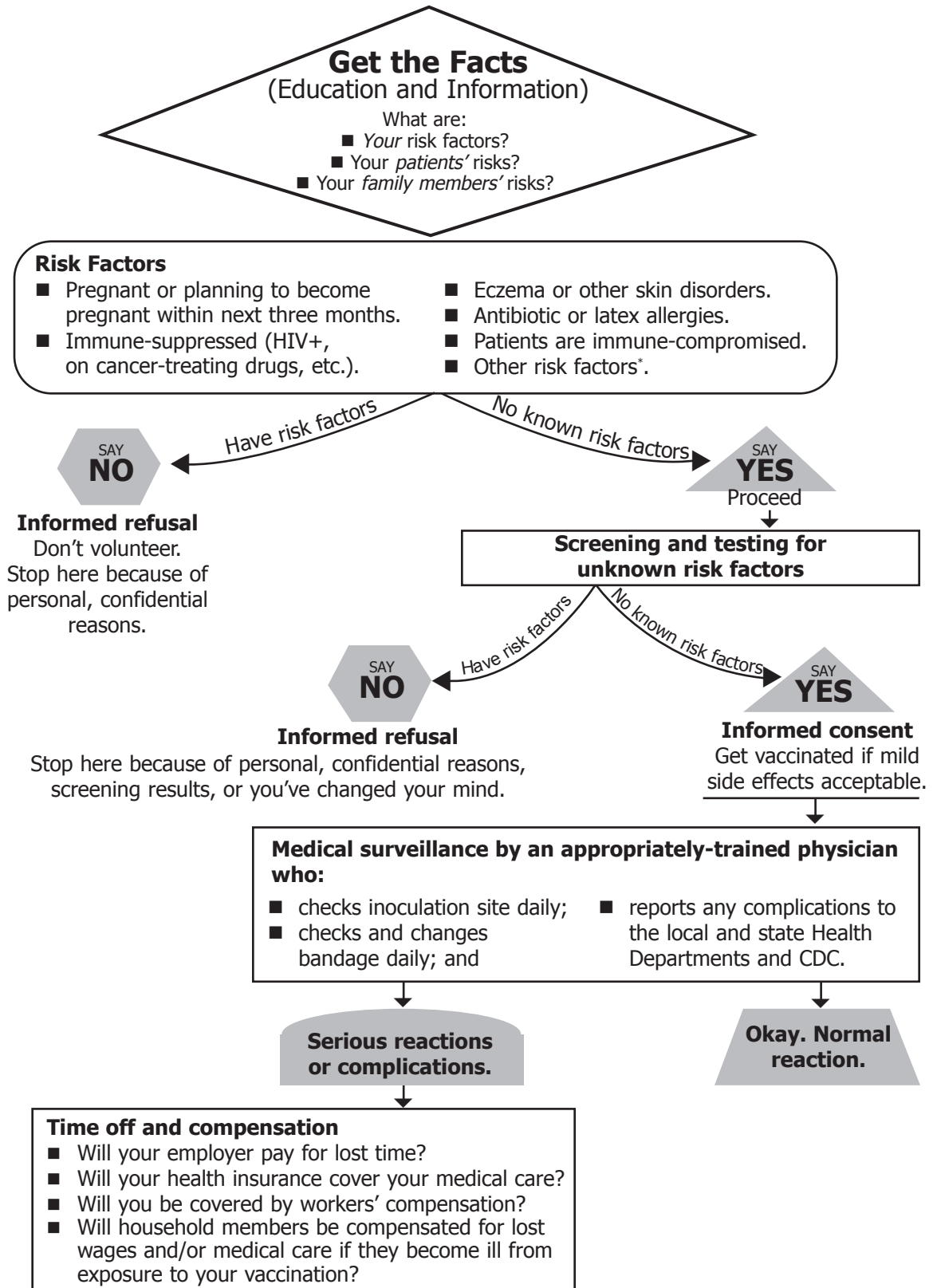


# The Smallpox Vaccine: Should You Volunteer?

A Chart to Help You Decide



- Risk Factors**
- Pregnant or planning to become pregnant within next three months.
  - Immune-suppressed (HIV+, on cancer-treating drugs, etc.).
  - Eczema or other skin disorders.
  - Antibiotic or latex allergies.
  - Patients are immune-compromised.
  - Other risk factors\*.

**Informed refusal**  
Don't volunteer.  
Stop here because of personal, confidential reasons.

**Informed refusal**  
Stop here because of personal, confidential reasons, screening results, or you've changed your mind.

**Informed consent**  
Get vaccinated if mild side effects acceptable.

- Medical surveillance by an appropriately-trained physician who:**
- checks inoculation site daily;
  - checks and changes bandage daily; and
  - reports any complications to the local and state Health Departments and CDC.

**Serious reactions or complications.**

**Okay. Normal reaction.**

- Time off and compensation**
- Will your employer pay for lost time?
  - Will your health insurance cover your medical care?
  - Will you be covered by workers' compensation?
  - Will household members be compensated for lost wages and/or medical care if they become ill from exposure to your vaccination?

**Remember:** At any point of YOUR decision-making process, you can say NO.

\* For complete list of risk factors, go to the CDC's Web site at [www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/facts.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/facts.asp).

