

**IVMA/ICA PRECONDITIONING PROGRAM  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
STATEMENTS & ANSWERS**

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1. **Q.** Calves are worked and green-tagged on the cow and sold before weaning. The second owner weans and sells the calves. Can a Green Tag Preconditioning Certificate be issued?  
**A.** No.
2. **Q.** Can green-tagged calves accompanied by a Green Tag PC Certificate be gold-tagged without starting the vaccination program over?  
**A.** Yes. The key here is accompanied by a Green Tag PC Certificate and the veterinarian verifies tag numbers. The new owner must own the calves 60 days minimum.
3. **Q.** Calves are vaccinated and green-tagged, issued a 'vaccination certificate', but not an IVMA/ICA Green Tag Preconditioning Certificate, and then sold without weaning. The second owner weans the calves. Could they be vaccinated and gold-tagged?  
**A.** No. They could be gold-tagged if they were issued a Green Tag PC Certificate which would require weaning prior to being sold. (See Q&A #2 above.)
4. **Q.** Can calves sold as preconditioned by a first owner be represented as "preconditioned" at a sale by the second owner?  
**A.** No. Preconditioning is limited to **one** change of ownership.  

**OR**

**A.** Yes, if there is a valid PC Certificate, the tag numbers are verified by the veterinarian and the second owner has owned the cattle for at least 60 days.
5. **Q.** Should calves that the veterinarian knows will not be "preconditioned" still be vaccinated and green-tagged?  
**A.** Yes, at the veterinarian's discretion. The **green tag** only indicates that the calves have had a science-based vaccinations and external/internal parasite treatment regimen administered by a veterinarian and have verified properly dehorned and castrated as is necessary.  
The IVMA/ICA recommends green-tagged calves be "Preconditioned" with all PC requirements met which +  
-includes weaning & feed ration and be accompanied by a preconditioning certificate.
6. **Q.** Can a producer purchase vaccines from a veterinarian and administer the first vaccine, then have the veterinarian administer the second vaccination and gold tag the calves?  
**A.** NO – This is in direct violation of a veterinarian-verified program and is not allowed. All vaccination and parasite control measures must be administered by a veterinarian. All medical procedures must be veterinarian verified. Additional procedures performed by the owner can be added as a comment on the PC Certificate.
7. **Q.** Why a Gold Tag Preconditioning program option?  
**A.** It is a marketing tool to increase the price the producer receives and it verifies the vaccines were given by a veterinarian.
8. **Q.** Do shots given in the summer qualify for Gold Tag PC option, if they have the green-tag and Green Tag PC certificate?  
**A.** If the calves were 4 months old when they were vaccinated the first time.
9. **Q.** Can vaccines, dewormers, or "pour-ons" purchased by a producer be used by the veterinarian "working calves" as part of the preconditioning program?  
**A.** No. The veterinarian has no knowledge of the source of drugs, or how they were handled or stored. Therefore, efficacy could be a concern.