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Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization:**

- **Part 1 – Immunization Schedules**
- **Part 2 – Immunization of Special Populations**
- **Part 3 – Management of Anaphylaxis in a Non-Hospital Setting**
- **Part 4 – Biological Products**
- **Appendix C – Contraindications and Precautions for Immunization**
- **Supporting documents – History of Immunization in BC**

**Part 1 – Immunization Schedules**

- Schedule D: *Adults Age 18 and Older When Starting or Resuming Immunization* has been revised as per the updated human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine eligibility to 19 years of age. Transgender individuals, high risk males and HIV positive individuals continue to be eligible up to 26 years of age (inclusive).

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**Part 2 – Immunization of Special Populations**

**Specific Immunocompromising Conditions**

**Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT)**

- Table 2.1, footnote D has been updated to indicate the use of 2 vials of RECOMBIVAX HB® (5 mcg/0.5 mL) pediatric presentation when RECOMBIVAX HB® (10 mcg/mL) adult presentation is unavailable.

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### **Chronic Kidney Disease**

- The revision date for the BC Renal Agency Hepatitis B Guidelines has been updated to July 2018.

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### **Part 3 – Management of Anaphylaxis in a Non-Hospital Setting**

- The recommendation to alternate legs for multiple epinephrine IM doses has been reinstated, as this was inadvertently missed with the previous updates to the guidelines. The rationale for this recommendation is to maximize absorption of the epinephrine.

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### **Part 4 – Biological Products**

#### **Hepatitis Vaccines**

##### **Hepatitis A Vaccine: Vaqta®**

- Latex has been added to the list of potential allergens.

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##### **Hepatitis B Vaccine Program for Chronic Kidney Disease Clients**

- The revision date for the BC Renal Agency Hepatitis B Guidelines has been updated to July 2018.

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## Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccines

### Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine: Gardasil®9

- Eligibility indications have been revised to indicate that those who do not commence an HPV series in grade 6 are eligible to initiate a series prior to age 19 (for males, born in 2006 or later), but not thereafter. A series commenced prior to age 19 may be completed with publicly funded HPV vaccine prior to the 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Indications for 'Recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization But Not Provided Free in BC' have been revised to indicate "women 19-45 years of age".

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## Appendix C – Contraindications and Precautions for Immunization

- Immunization recommendations following convalescence from measles and varicella infection have been revised to include the deferral of live *and* inactivated vaccines until 4 weeks after illness onset. However, immunization should be considered when such individuals are at high risk of disease (e.g., during an outbreak, traveling overseas).

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## Supporting Documents

### History of Immunization in BC

- Human Papillomavirus Vaccine has been updated to include the changes in eligibility to 19 years of age for individuals who missed routine HPV vaccination in Grade 6.
- Influenza Vaccine has been updated to include the products used for the 2018/19 flu season.

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