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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
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**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program
Section VII- Biological Products.**

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MMRV

This page has been revised to include information specific to the MMRV vaccine ProQuad™ (Merck Canada Inc).

It has also been revised to provide additional information on the use of MMRV vaccine as a first dose in unimmunized children 4-12 years of age, specifically:

- Updating adverse event information,
- Adding content relating to the risk of febrile seizures in very young children according to age and personal/ family history of seizures of any etiology.

While the product monograph for Priorix-Tetra® supports administration of this product via the IM or SC route. This information has been removed from the MMRV page at this time to decrease potential immunization errors as our primary product, Proquad™, is only to be given via the SC route.

**Please remove page numbers 36a-b dated November 2013.
Please replace with page numbers 36a-c dated April 2014.**

Please also remove the Table of Contents for Section VII – Biologicals Products dated April 2014 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents section dated April 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Clinical Practice Lead at telephone (604) 707-2555, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at christine.halpert@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,



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