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Administrative Circular: 2023:15

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization,
Part 4 – Biological Products**

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Hepatitis Vaccine

Hepatitis B Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

Minor revisions have been made to align with the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Hepatitis B (Section 6.0 Post-Exposure Prophylaxis).

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Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Nonavalent): Gardasil®9

The eligibility for publicly funded HPV vaccine has been expanded to include cisgender males born in 2005.

Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated March 2023
Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated June 2023

Immune globulins

Varicella Zoster Immune Globulin (VarIq): VariZIG®

- The manufacturer for this product has been updated.
- Content under ADMINISTRATION has been revised as this product is ready to use and does not require reconstitution or dilution.

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Mpox Vaccine

Smallpox and Mpox Vaccine (Live attenuated, non-replicating): IMVAMUNE®

Content under ADMINISTRATION has been clarified to indicate that once thawed, the vaccine can be stored in the refrigerator at +2°C to +8°C for up to 8 weeks (56 days). The 8 weeks (56 days) does not include any time stored at -25°C to -15°C.

Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated May 2023
Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated June 2023

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,



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