



BC Centre for Disease Control
An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

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

**Re: Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual –
Chapter 2, Immunization Program**

Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

(1) SECTION IIA: IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES

Page 5, 1.3 “Hib Schedule when the Basic Schedule has been Delayed”:

- Minimum intervals for a primary Hib schedule for infants 2 to 6 months of age have been added: footnote ③ indicates the minimum age for starting a Hib series is 6 weeks; footnote ④ indicates the minimum spacing between doses in the primary series.

Page 11, 3.1 “Minimum Intervals Between Vaccine Doses Table”:

- Minimum intervals for a three dose PCV 13 schedule added: initial dose is given no sooner than 8 weeks of age, with a minimum interval of 8 weeks between dose 1 and dose 2. Dose 3 is given no earlier than 12 months of age, and at least 8 weeks after a previous dose.
- Note added regarding minimum intervals for a primary Hib series for infants 2 to 6 months of age, with a link to the table on page 5 in this section.

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(2) SECTION VII: BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS**Page 45, “Completing a Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Series”:**

- Page renamed.
- Under “24 to 59 months”, the last category has been changed to “PCV7 or PCV10 series completed”, for clarity.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section IIA, Immunization Schedules:

Pages 5 & 11

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Section VII, Biological Products:

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Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section IIA, Immunization Schedules:

Pages 5 & 11

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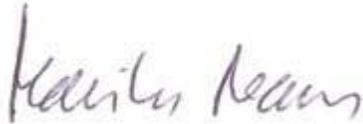
Section VII, Biological Products:

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