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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: Guidelines for Needle Exchange Programs**

Guidelines for Needle Exchange Programs have been developed by Dr. Timothy Christie, PhD, Health Care Ethicist, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS. The document also includes an extensive literature review.

Please insert these guidelines in the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Needle Exchange Programs  
Pages 1 to 19

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Pielak, Nurse Epidemiologist at 604-660-6061 or email [karen.pielak@bccdc.ca](mailto:karen.pielak@bccdc.ca)

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