

Date: April 1, 2014

Administrative Circular: 2014:03

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 Program  
Section VII - Biological Products.**

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**DTaP-IPV-Hib:**

This page has been reformatted to reflect the new format for the Biological Products Section.

The page has been revised to add product information for INFANRIX®-IPV/Hib (supplier: GlaxoSmithKline Inc.). B.C. is moving to INFANRIX®-IPV/Hib as a result of changes in national vaccine contracts.

A small quantity of PEDIACEL® will remain available for completion of the primary 3 dose infant series in children who have had one or two doses of PEDIACEL®. Generally, these children have started their series outside of B.C.

Please note these additional changes:

- The statement "Children age 7 years and older" has been removed from the contraindications section. It is now in the indications section with the following wording, "These vaccines are not routinely indicated for children over 7 years of age". This is in keeping with general principles which allow for the use of these products outside of age parameters in specific circumstances (e.g., use of pediatric-licensed products for adult HSCT clients)
- Information regarding the use of PEDIACEL® for the 4-6 years booster has been removed. This was added temporarily to address the substitution of PEDIACEL® for QUADRACEL® during past shortages.

A Q&A document regarding this product change will be sent out for the first week of April, pending release of product pictures from GSK.

**Please remove page number 2 dated August 2012. Please replace with page numbers 2a-b dated April 2014.**

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

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Sincerely,



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