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Date: June 4, 2014 Administrative Circular: 2014:07

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 IA-Introduction, Section IIA-Immunization Schedules, Section IV-Administration of Biological Products and Section VII-Biological Products.

Section IA-Introduction

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

Information added pertaining to recent introduction of the Cervarix® vaccine program and the addition of a 3rd dose of Gardasil® vaccine in grade 9.

Please remove page number 29

Dated: November 2010

Please add new page number: 29

Dated: June 2014

Section IIA-Immunization Schedules

INTERIM minimum interval chart revision

Information added updating the minimum intervals between doses and minimum age for doses for DTaP-HB-IPV-Hib and bivalent HPV Cervarix® vaccines.

All minimum intervals now calculated in weeks up to 12 months.

Information in the footnotes pertaining to MMR and Varicella vaccine's minimum intervals has been revised. MMRV vaccine information added.

*** This chart is being updated on an INTERIM basis, and will be revised completely with the introduction of a revised Section IIA-Schedules. It is compatible with intervals used in Panorama forecasting.

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Section IV-Administration of Biological Products Section

2.4 Vaccination Following Vaccine Administration Errors

Information added regarding the interval to be used when a vaccine dose has been given too early.

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Section VII- Biological Products

Hepatitis B Vaccine (Energix®-B)

Information added on the minimum age, 24 weeks, for dose number 3.
Content regarding high risk infants has been revised.

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Hepatitis B Vaccine (RecombivaxHB®)

Information added on the minimum age, 24 weeks, for dose number 3.
Content regarding high risk infants has been revised.

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Bexsero® Meningococcal B Vaccine (four component recombinant, adsorbed vaccine)

Pages have been added to reflect the availability of Meningococcal B Vaccine. Currently the vaccine is only provided free to contacts of a case of serogroup B invasive meningococcal disease and, in consultation with BCCDC, during IMD outbreaks caused by *N. meningitidis* serogroup B. The page also lists groups for whom the vaccine is recommended but not provided free including individuals with certain medical conditions, certain lab and military personnel, and travelers to endemic areas.

The guidelines also include recommendations for the prophylactic administration of acetaminophen to control fever in infants and children under the age of two years. The use of acetaminophen with meningococcal B vaccine has not been found to reduce the immunogenicity of this vaccine.

**Please add new pages numbered: 36d-36e
Dated: June 2014**

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

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

Sincerely,



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