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Administrative Circular: 2024:09

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 & Supporting Documents**

Part 4 – Biological Products

Diphtheria & tetanus-containing vaccines

Diphtheria-Tetanus-Acellular Pertussis-Polio-Haemophilus Influenzae Type b Adsorbed (DTaP-IPV-Hib): Infanrix®-IPV/Hib, Pediacel® and Pentacel®

As BC will be transitioning from Pediacel® to Pentacel® due to Sanofi no longer manufacturing Pediacel®, content related to the Pentacel® product has been added. This product requires reconstitution and is interchangeable with Pediacel®.

**Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated November 2022
Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated April 2024**

Tetanus-Diphtheria-Acellular Pertussis (Tdap): Adacel® and Boostrix®

DOSES AND SCHEDULE: Footnotes were aligned with appropriate content.

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Tetanus-Diphtheria Adsorbed (Td): Td Adsorbed

- BC will be transitioning to a preservative-free formulation of Td Adsorbed. Two different formulations will be in use in the province until the supply of preservative-containing product is depleted or expires.
- **PRODUCT COMPONENTS:** Content has been added to indicate that 2-phenoxyethanol is not present in the preservative-free formulation.

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Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated December 22, 2023 and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated April 2024.

Supporting Documents

Latex Content in Vaccines

Pentacel® has been added to the list of products that do not contain latex. Several vaccines that are no longer included in the immunization manual have been removed from this page.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julene Cranch, Interim Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2555 / email: julene.cranch@bccdc.ca)

Sincerely,



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