



**BC Centre for Disease Control**  
AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

**October 28, 2005**

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

**Re: Revisions to 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 I – Introduction**

Pages 7 – 9 and 9a (new page), “History of Immunization Development in BC:”

- Addition of biological product names where necessary for clarity
- Addition of new vaccine program start dates, by month
- Addition of vaccine program changes for 2004 and 2005

**(2) Section II – Immunization Schedules**

Page 2, Basic Immunization:

- Footnote for ♦ has been restored
- Page 8, “Minimum Intervals Between Vaccine Doses:”
- The schedule for meningococcal C conjugate vaccine is specific to Neis Vac-C

Page 9, “Vaccines Recommended for High Risk Clients:”

- Islet cell transplant recipients have been added to the list of high risk clients

**(3) Section III – Contraindications and Precautions to Immunization**

Page 8, 8.3: Prematurity

- The response to a **birth** dose of hepatitis B vaccine in a preterm infant with a birth weight of < 2000 grams may be diminished. These infants will require a 4 dose hepatitis B vaccine series.

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Page 9, 8.6: Immunization and Breastfeeding

- Varicella vaccine can be given to a breastfeeding woman.

#### **(4) Section VII – Biological Products**

Pages 5, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 43a:

- Islet cell transplant recipients have been added to the list of persons eligible for these vaccines (Act-HIB®, Meningococcal C Conjugate, Meningococcal Polysaccharide, Pneumococcal Conjugate, and Pneumococcal Polysaccharide).

Page 11, Hepatitis B immune Globulin:

- Wording change for clarity under Indications (number 3).

Page 14, Hepatitis B Vaccine Pre-exposure Indications:

- Addition of HIV positive individuals to this list

Page 31, Influenza Vaccine Indications:

- New group eligible for publicly-funded influenza vaccine: people working with poultry and/or swine (due to potential animal infection with avian or swine influenza).

Page 32a, Vaxigrip®:

- Added dosing of Vaxigrip for those 3 - 8 years and  $\geq 9$  years of age.
- New footnote<sup>Ⓢ</sup>. While Vaxigrip® is to be routinely used for children 6 – 23 months, high risk pregnant and lactating women, and women in their 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester expected to deliver during the influenza season, Vaxigrip® may be administered to other eligible groups in order to use up remaining doses in a vial post-puncture.

Pages 35, 37, and 38:

- Clarified wording related to scheduling of infant doses

Page 50a and 50d (RabAvert®):

- More detailed instructions for reconstitution of the vaccine

Page 50b (RabAvert®):

- Contraindications moved to this page from page 50a

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

Pages 7 - 9

Dated August 2004

**Section II – Immunization Schedules**

Page 2  
Pages 8 and 9

Dated March 2005  
Dated June 2005

**Section III – Contraindications and Precautions for Immunization**

Pages 8 and 9

Dated July 2004

**Section VII – Biological Products**

Pages 5 and 14  
Pages 31, 32a, 50b and 50d  
Pages 11, 35, 37, 38, and 41  
Pages 39, 43, 43a, and 50a

Dated December 2003  
Dated August 2005  
Dated March 2005  
Dated June 2005

**Insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual,  
Chapter 2 - Immunization Program:**

**Section I – Introduction**

Pages 7, 8, 9 and 9a

Dated October 2005

**Section II – Immunization Schedules**

Pages 2, 8 and 9

Dated October 2005

**Section III – Contraindications and Precautions to Immunization**

Pages 8 and 9

Dated October 2005

**Section VII – Biological Products**

Pages 5, 11, 14, 31, 32a, 35, 37, 38, 39,  
41, 43, 43a, 50a, 50b and 50d

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