



BC Centre for Disease Control
An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

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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: Introduction of Prevnar[®] 13 on June 1, 2010:
Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual –
Chapter 2, Immunization Program**

Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section VII, Biological Products:

Table of Contents:

- Updated to reflect change from Prevnar[™] to Prevnar[®] 13.

Page 44, “Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar[®] 13):”

- New page
- Offered to healthy and high risk children 2 to 59 months of age to start or complete a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine series. That is, for children who have started a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine series with a 7 or 10 valent vaccine, use Prevnar[®] 13 for the next and subsequent scheduled dose(s).
- Schedules for healthy and high risk infants are unchanged: 3 doses given at 2, 4 and 12 months of age for healthy infants; 4 doses given at 2, 4, 6 and 12 months of age for high risk children
- Offer one dose of Prevnar[®] 13 for high risk children to 59 months of age who have completed a pneumococcal conjugate (7 or 10-valent) vaccine series.

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Page 45, “Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar® 13) Completing a Pneumococcal vaccine Series:”

- History of prior doses includes doses with a 7, 10 or 13 valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- At 24 to 59 months of age high risk children receive 2 doses of Prevnar® 13 when 0, 1 or 2 doses of a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine were received previously.
- High risk children to 59 months of age receive one dose of Prevnar® 13 when a pneumococcal conjugate 7 or 10 valent vaccine series has been completed previously.

Page 46, “Recommendations for Pneumococcal Immunization With 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV 13) and 23- Valent Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPV 23) for Children at High Risk of Pneumococcal Disease:”

- Two doses of Prevnar® 13 given when ≤ 2 doses given prior to 24 months of age.

On June 1, 2010 please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program, Section VII:

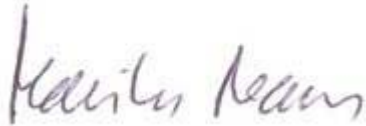
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Page 44	Dated January 2010
Pages 45 & 46	Dated January 2009

On June 1, 2010 please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program, Section VII:

Table of Contents	Dated June 2010
Pages 44, 45 & 46	Dated June 2010

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