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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: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program  
Section VII- Biological Products: Influenza Vaccines: FLULAVAL™ and XANAFLU®**

**FLUVIRAL® / FLULAVAL™:**

The FLUVIRAL® page has been updated to add the international trade name FLULAVAL™.

This product is being distributed in BC to meet late season demand for influenza vaccine.

The product components, dosage and indications remain identical to FLUVIRAL®.

**Please remove page number 32a  
Dated October 2013  
Please add new page number 32a  
Dated January 2014**

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**XANAFLU®:**

This page has been added to provide staff with information on XANAFLU®. XANAFLU® is the European trade name for INFLUVAC®. This product is being distributed in BC to meet late season demand for influenza vaccine.

XANAFLU® is approved in Europe for ages 6 months and older and available data support use in this age range. The product is provided in prefilled syringes with no attached needle. The syringe has a demarcation for a 0.25 mL dose, related to optional pediatric dosing in Europe. The dosing recommendation in BC is for a full 0.5 mL dose for all age groups.

This vaccine is packaged in German and will be provided to immunizers with a single page English language INFLUVAC® leaflet, with Health Canada approval information.

**Please add new pages number: 34d-e**  
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**Please also remove the Table of Contents for Section VII – Biologicals Products dated December 2013 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents section dated January 2014.**

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