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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
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Environmental Health Officers and Epidemiologists working on zoonotic diseases

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control, Rabies & Chapter 2: Immunization,
Part 4 – Biological Products**

Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control

Rabies

A few updates were made in Chapter 1– Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies to address the exposure to monkeys and the increased rabies prevalence in bats. In addition, reference was made to the Interim Guideline for the Use of RIG in BC and the recent human case. The [Interim Guidelines for the Use of RIG in BC](#) have not been incorporated into the Rabies Guidelines as these have not been reviewed or approved by the BC Communicable Disease Policy Advisory Committee as a permanent guideline change.

- Section 3.1 page 5, Table 1B: added exposure to monkeys
- Section 3.1.1, page 6: added description of bat wounds
- Section 3.1.2.2., page 7: added RPEP recommendation for exposure to monkeys
- Section 3.2.1, page 10: added “and” between the considerations for not providing RPEP for international exposures
- Section 4.2, page 16: referred to Interim Guidelines for the Use of RIG in BC found separately on BCCDC website
- Section 5.0, page 23: changed the prevalence of rabies in bats to reflect current data
- Appendix D and E were revised to address dosage of new Rablg formulation

Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1, Rabies: Table of Contents & Pages 1 to 35, dated November 2018

Please insert the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1, Rabies: Table of Contents & Pages 1 to 35, dated July 2019

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Chapter 2: Immunization

Part 4 – Biological Products

Immune Globulins

Human Rabies Immune Globulin (Rablg): HyperRAB® & Imogam® Rabies Pasteurized

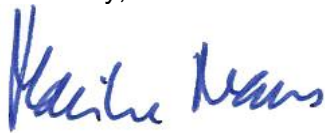
- The Rablg product pages have been updated to align with the [Interim Guidelines for the Use of RIG in BC](#) issued on July 19, 2019, indicating that Rablg should only be used to infiltrate the wound or the exposed area and is no longer recommended to be provided intramuscularly.

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