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# Biologicals Management

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# Presentation outline:

- Cold chain overview
- BPM & BPC
- What contributes to vaccine wastage?
  - Cold Chain Breaks in transit from BCCDC Pharmacy
  - Cold Chain Breaks in the field
  - Expiry
  - Surplus vaccine



# Cold Chain

- As health professionals we need to ensure that we are providing an effective product.
- Vaccines are damaged by exposure to excessive cold, heat or light
- Vaccines have an “expiry” date
- Loss of vaccine potency and damage to vaccines
  - risk of adverse events
  - failure to protect = increased risk of disease
  - loss of public confidence in vaccine programs
  - Supply of vaccines

# Why now?



**4,100 doses\*** of traditional vaccine (polio and measles vaccines pictured here).  
**\$635.50\*\***



**625 doses\*** of new vaccine (rotavirus vaccine pictured here).  
**\$4,687.50\*\***

# 100 infants

- 300 doses INFANRIX hexa
- 300 doses Prevnar
- 200 doses Neis Vac C
- 100 doses Varicella
- 200 doses MMR
- 100 doses Pediacel



Total = \$ 42,768.00



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# Biological Product Consultants

- Decision making regarding vaccine safety and efficacy following cold chain incidents
- Staff training for cold chain management
- Confirmation that criteria are met for vaccines being returned for redistribution
- Stability Chart (Oct 2009) and Addendum (2009)



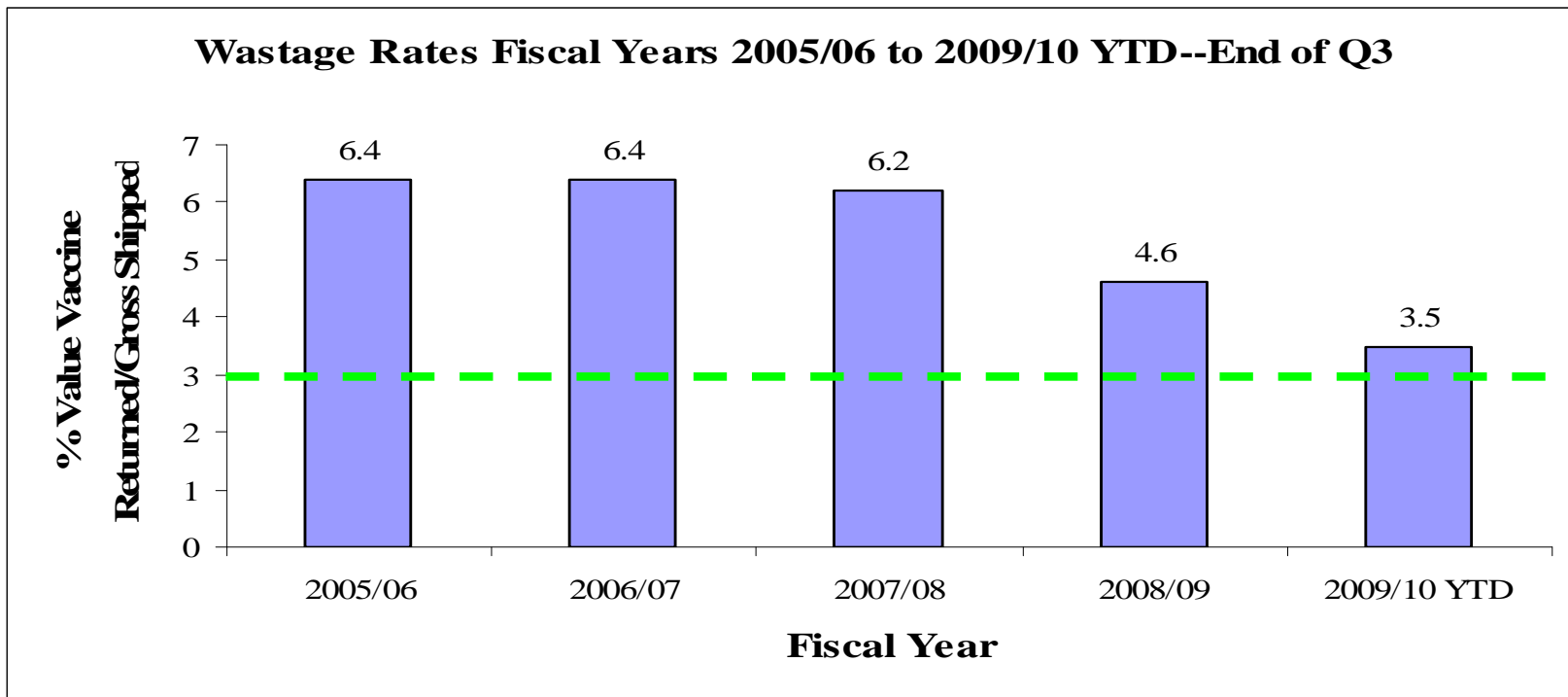
# Biological Product Monitors

- Ordering vaccines
- Receiving and storing vaccines; monitoring inventory
- Tracking cold chain incidents and vaccine “history”
- Temperature monitoring 2X daily
- Refrigerator maintenance

Know your  
refrigerator !

# Vaccine wastage

- Wastage goal: 3%





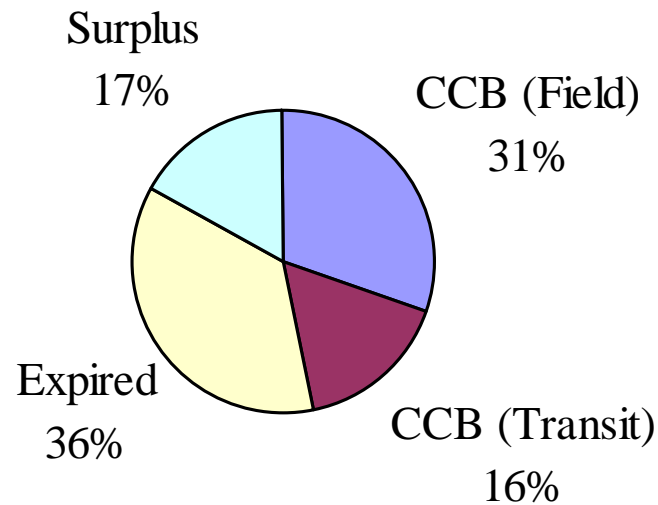
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# What contributes to wastage?

- Cold chain breaks- in transit
- Cold chain breaks- in the field
- Vaccine expiring in the field
- Surplus vaccine ordered

# Returns by reason

**Percent of Total Value of Returns by Reason  
(FY2009/10 YTD)**



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# Cold chain breaks in transit

(BCCDC- Field offices)

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## Receiving vaccines



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# Cold Chain Breaks in Transit

- Reefer trucks, vaccine ordering schedule
- Monitoring temperature during travel to the HA
  - Cold chain break indicators
  - Reading and returning temptales
- Reporting cold chain breaks in transit
- Packing and returning all vaccines correctly
- Vaccine tracking after a first strike
- PSLS

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# Reefer trucks and scheduling

- Time between deliveries may impact the supply of vaccine to be ordered
- Knowing the reefer truck schedule, particularly in remote communities is important as there may be significant time between deliveries



# Monitoring temperature in travel

- One time use temperature indicator
  - **Warm indicators**, also known as time and temperature indicators are made for single use only. Warm indicators that are appropriate for vaccine shipping have an activation temperature of +10°C and a run-out time of 48 hours to 7 days.
  - **Cold indicators** are made for single use only. Do not indicate the length of time vaccine has been exposed to temperatures less than 0 degrees. Cold indicators appropriate for vaccine shipping have an activation temperature of 0°C (break when the liquid freezes).



TT4MD: Temperature Monitoring Device Form for COURIER Deliveries

Fax this form to the BCCDC Biological Desk at (604) 707-2581 as soon as your shipment is received and return the TempTale4 (TT4) device ASAP.

TT4 Monitors are numbered with a yellow, pink or green BCCDC label affixed to the side of the device.

Section I (to be completed by BCCDC Shipping Department) Shipping Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Area next to vaccine(s)  Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Container: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Manifest #: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Packed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Record Time

TT4 #: \_\_\_\_\_ TT4 # Recorded on Manifest Audit Copy  TT4 Downloaded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Frozen Ice Pack Used on Top  How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Refrigerated Gel Pack Used on Top

Box Type Used: ThermoSafe  Regular Corrugated Box Size \_\_\_\_\_  Calculate

Section II (to be completed by receiver at delivery site)

**READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING BELOW.**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Time Received \_\_\_\_\_ Time Unpacked \_\_\_\_\_

Frozen Ice Packs: Hard/Cold  Mushy/Cool  Warm

Refrigerated Gel Packs: Cool  Warm

Vaccine: Cool  Warm

TempTale4 Bell Symbol:  Yes  No  
store and segregate as per 5(a) - see reverse instructions

Press the "Stop" button on the TempTale4 and then press the "Start" button to view and record temperature history. Record the temperature information from the display window into the corresponding fields below:

Average Temp \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Temp \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of Highest Temp \_\_\_\_\_ minutes  
(hours, mins units/ measurement)

Lowest Temp \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of Lowest Temp \_\_\_\_\_ minutes  
(hours, mins units/ measurement)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)  
 Fax this form IMMEDIATELY to (604) 707-2581. If there is a bell symbol, refrigerate vaccine and label "QUARANTINE" until advised by BCCDC. If no bell symbol, vaccine is OK for use. You will NOT receive a phone call from BCCDC.



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# Monitoring temperature: Reading and returning Temp tales

## **Unpack and refrigerate biological products immediately upon their arrival.**

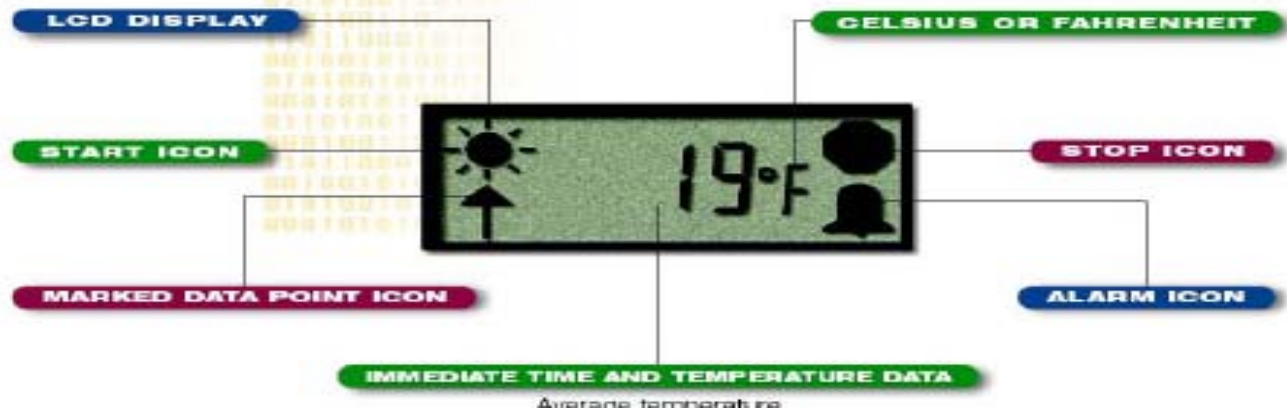
- Check for evidence of physical damage, freezing or excessive heat. Remove the temperature monitoring® device from shipping box immediately & stop it.
- Read the TempTale ® & Return the TempTale® monitoring device immediately in the prepaid bubble envelope (enclosed with shipment) to BCCDC.
- Inform your Biological Products Consultant when products have been quarantined and await instruction regarding use of the products from BCCDC Vaccine and Pharmacy Services.

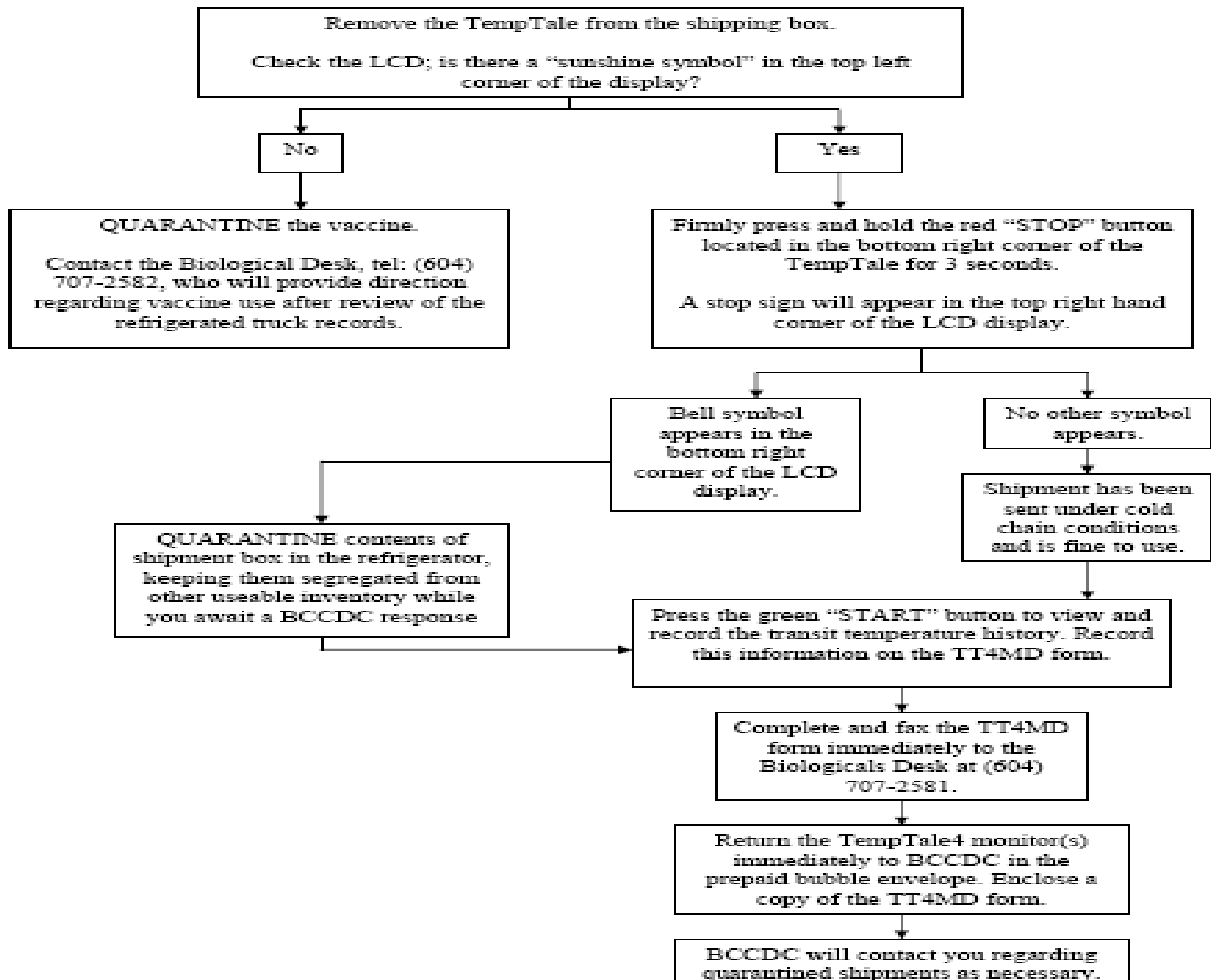
# Quarantining vaccine





### How a TempTale®4 Monitor Works





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Vaccine: \_\_\_\_\_ Cool  Warm

TempTale4 Bell Symbol:  Yes **➡**  No  
Store and segregate as per SOP - see reverse instructions

Press the "Stop" button on the TempTale4 and then press the "Start" button to view and record temperature history. Record the temperature information from the display window into the corresponding fields below:

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Highest Temp \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Highest Temp \_\_\_\_\_

minutes  
hours

(approximate unit of measurement)

Lowest Temp \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Lowest Temp \_\_\_\_\_

minutes  
hours

(approximate unit of measurement)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

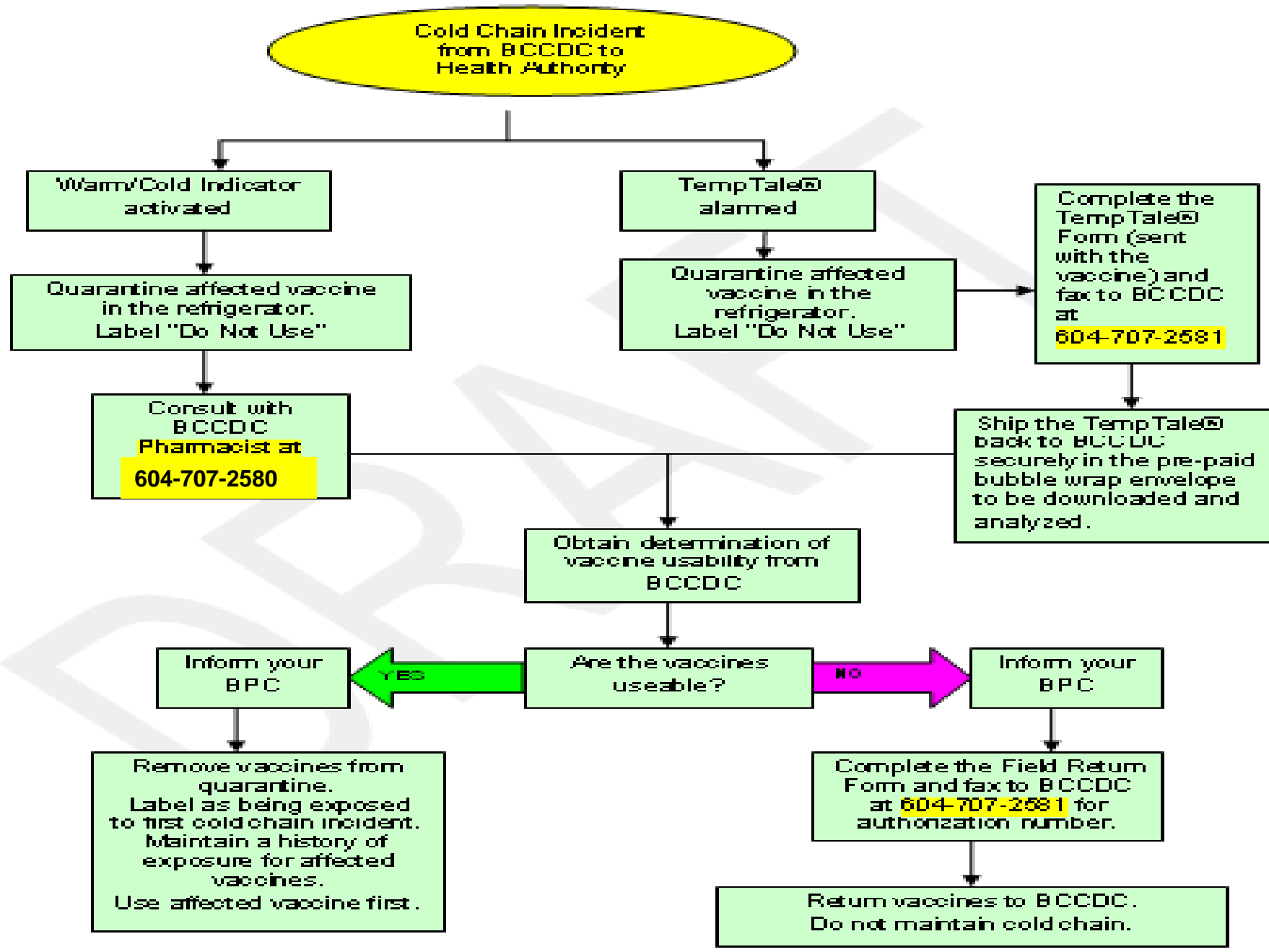
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# Algorithm 2: Cold Chain Incident from BCCDC to Health Authority



# FIELD RETURN FORM

Health Unit:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

## REASON CODES:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| A - Cold chain incident: power outage          | G - Wrong product shipped by BCCDC or requested by Health Unit |
| B - Cold chain incident: equipment malfunction | H - Product recall by manufacturer                             |
| C - Cold chain incident: handling error        | I - Annual influenza harvest                                   |
| D - Damage to product                          | J - Cold chain incident: in transit BCCDC to Health Unit       |
| E - Expired product                            | K - Cold chain incident: in transit within HA                  |

F - Surplus (for BCCDC redistribution)\*

\*TF code, product must be returned under cold chain conditions with this Field Return Form and Biologicals Return Requirements Form as per: Communicable Disease Manual.

[http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/74081DC2-4828-4A9C-BE6B-E551E8E2BC0A/0/Biologicals\\_return\\_and\\_redistribution\\_requirements\\_form.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/74081DC2-4828-4A9C-BE6B-E551E8E2BC0A/0/Biologicals_return_and_redistribution_requirements_form.pdf)

VACCINES	Product Code (BCCDC Use)	LOT NUMBER	EXPIRY DATE (YYYYMMDD)	REASON	DOSES
DaPTdPwHbHib, Infanrix Hexa	INFANRIX				
DaPTdPwHib, Pediacel	PEDIACEL				
DaPTdPw, Quadricel	SPACE				
Haemophilus B Conjugate, ActHIB	TALL				
Hepatitis A, Vaxta pediatric	VAQTAS.S				
Hepatitis A, Vaxta adult	VAQTAT.OV				
Hepatitis B, Pediatric, (T-free), Recombivax-HB	RECOMB.S				
Hepatitis B (Renal/Kidney Dialysis), Recombivax-HB	RECOMB-DYS				
Hepatitis B Vaccine, Recombivax-HB	RECOMB1.0				
Hepatitis B Vaccine, Engerix	HEPB10ENG				
HPV	HPV1				
Immune Serum Globulin, Gamastan	ISG-SDG.0				
Inactivated Polio, Imovax Polio	POLVACS				
Influenza Vaccine, Fluviral	FLUVIRAL				
Influenza Vaccine, Vaxigrip					
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, MMR II	MMR II				
Meningococcal C Conjugate, NeisVax-C	MENC0.S-NV10				
Meningococcal Conjugate A/C/Y/W-135, Menovax	MENOVAC				
Meningococcal Polysaccharide A/C/Y/W-135, Menomune	MOSS				
Pneumococcal Conjugate, Prevnar 7	PREVNAR10				
Pneumococcal Conjugate, Prevnar 13	PREVNAR13				
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide, PneumoVax23	PNEUV23				
Rabies Immune Globulin, HyperRab	RABIGH200TC2				
Rabies, Imovax Rabies	IMOVAX				
Rabies, RabAvert	RABAVERT				
Td Adsorbed	SOUND				
Td/IPV Adsorbed (adult)	ELEMENT				
Tdap Adsorbed, Adacel	ADCL5-S.S				
Tetanus Immune Globulin, Baylet / Hyperlet	TIG250I				
Varicella Vaccine, Varivax III	VARIVOX.S-10				
Varicella, Varivax	VARIZ001				
Other:					

Fax Form to: 604-707-2581

Name of Biological Products Monitor:

Biologicals Desk at BCCDC  
1100-855 West 12th Avenue

Email: [biologicals@bccdc.ca](mailto:biologicals@bccdc.ca)  
604-683-5443

Phone:



# Packing and returning all vaccines correctly

- Pack the vials in a box with packing material to avoid breakage. Returned unusable vaccine is not considered to be hazardous material, so no special warning signs or special handling notices are necessary.
- Keeping “like with like” is important to the reconciling process (Cam says, “Thanks!”)
- An exception would be vaccines which have been drawn up in a syringe for administration. Do not return these vaccines but report them on the Wasted Vaccine Return Form as “destroyed”.





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# Vaccine tracking after a first strike

- Vaccines that have been exposed to a temperature outside the recommended range in transit from BCCDC to the field should be labeled with a **red dot**. BCCDC Vaccine and Pharmacy Services will supply the temperature and duration information for this incident to the field.
- Develop a protocol within the HA for labeling products that have subsequent exposures to temperatures outside the 0°C to +8°C range.



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# Patient Safety and Learning System

- Cold Chain breaks in transit entered into the database
- Initiated by TempTale reports and manifest
- Entered and approved by Pharmacy
- Breaks then analyzed for:
  - Transportation used
  - Root cause
  - Maximum/ minimum temperature exposure
  - Duration of exposure

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# Cold chain breaks in the field

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Section 1: Preventing and interpreting Cold Chain Breaks in the field

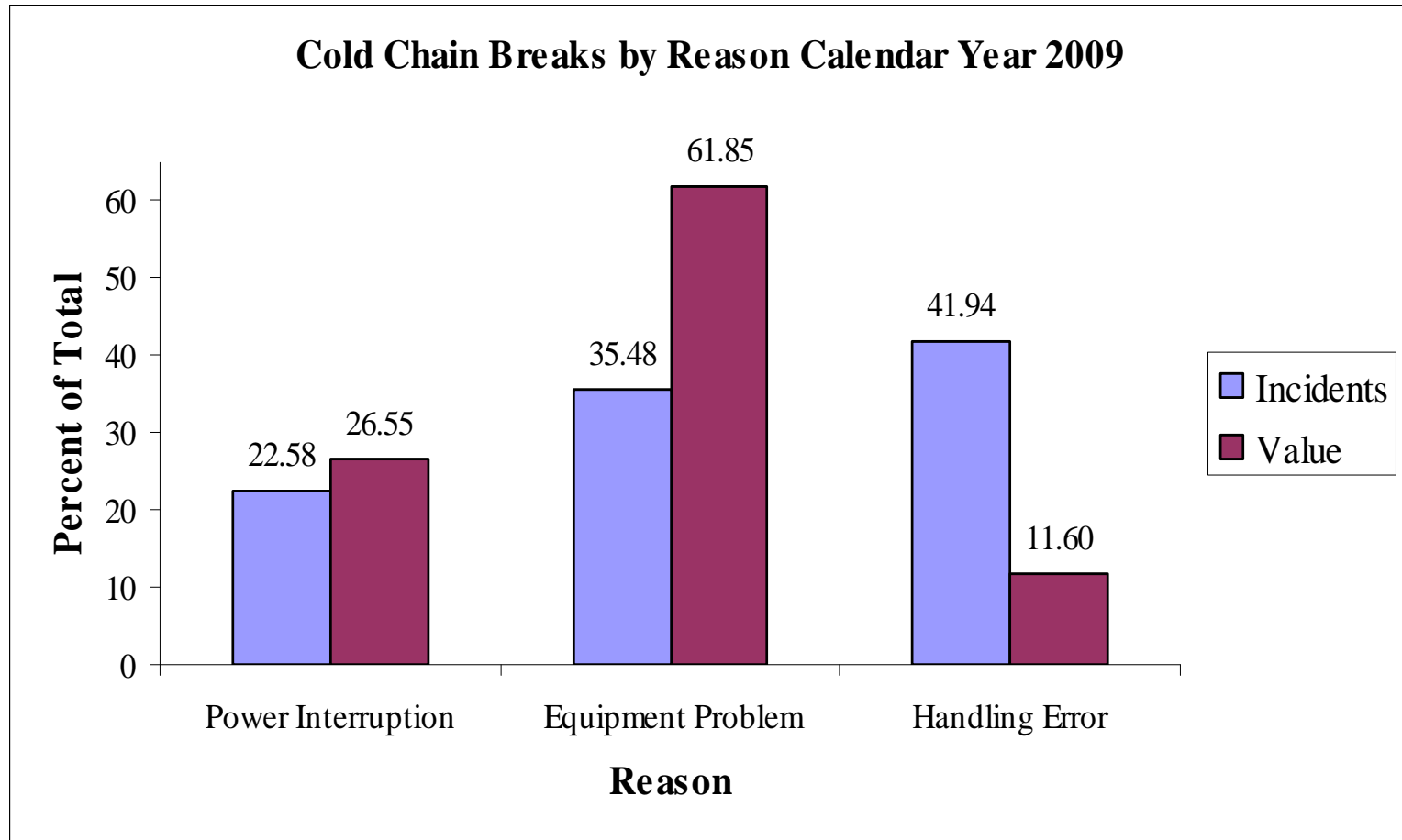
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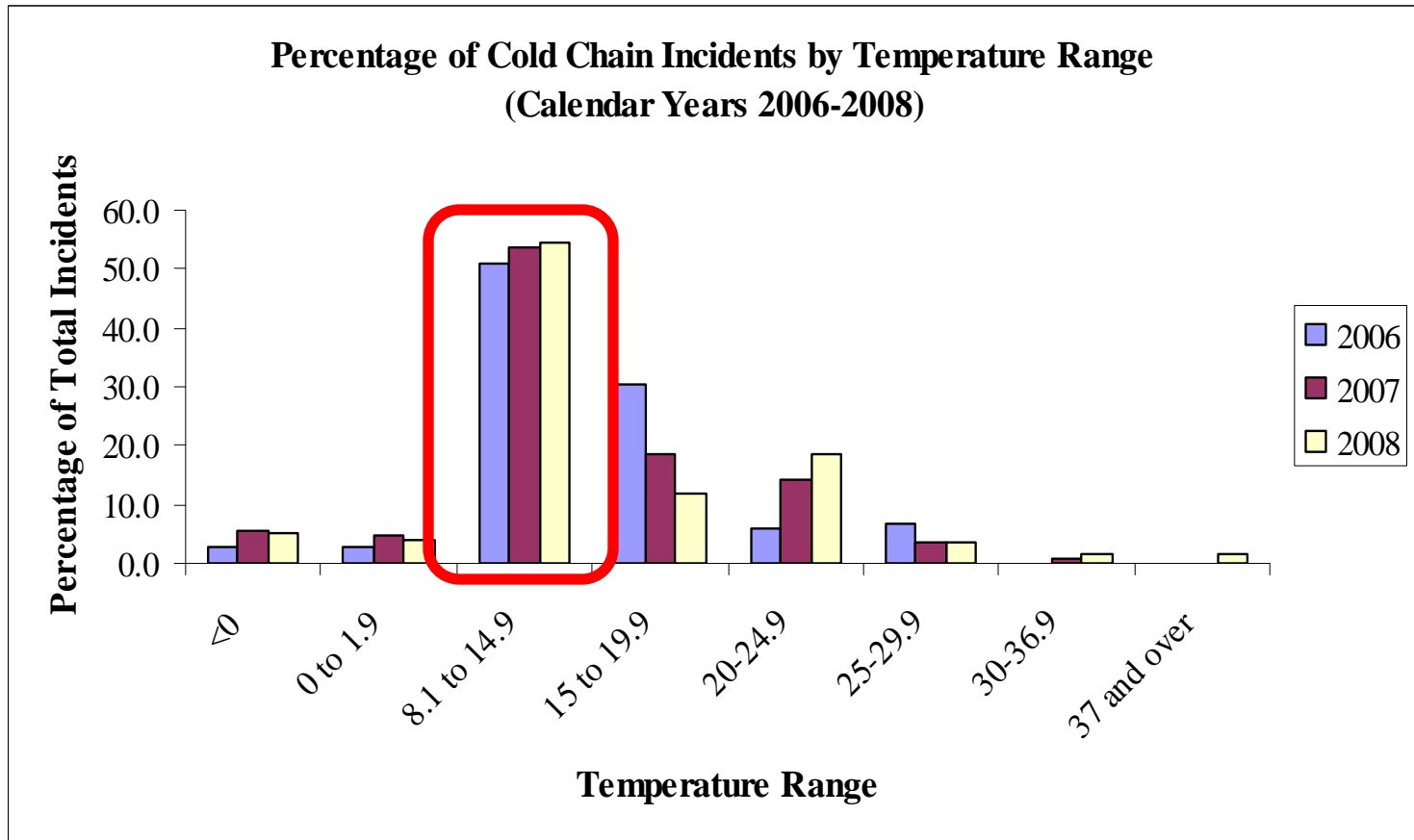
- Vaccine storage equipment evaluation and purchasing
  - Purchasing
  - Maintenance
  - Planning for equipment failure
- Vaccine storage practices
  - Temperature monitoring
  - Vaccine packing for transit (ambient temperature, mass clinics)
- Vaccine Stability Chart
  - Use
  - Reporting of decisions
- Reporting Cold Chain Breaks
  - Returning to BCCDC after a fatal break

# Cold Chain Incidents



# Temperatures

- Most incidents < 25°





# Vaccine storage equipment evaluation and purchasing

- What to purchase
  - Fridges
  - Data loggers
  - Min/ max thermometers
- Maintaining equipment
- Vaccine storage practices
  - Monitoring temperature
  - Packing vaccines for transit
- Planning for failures

# Purchasing:

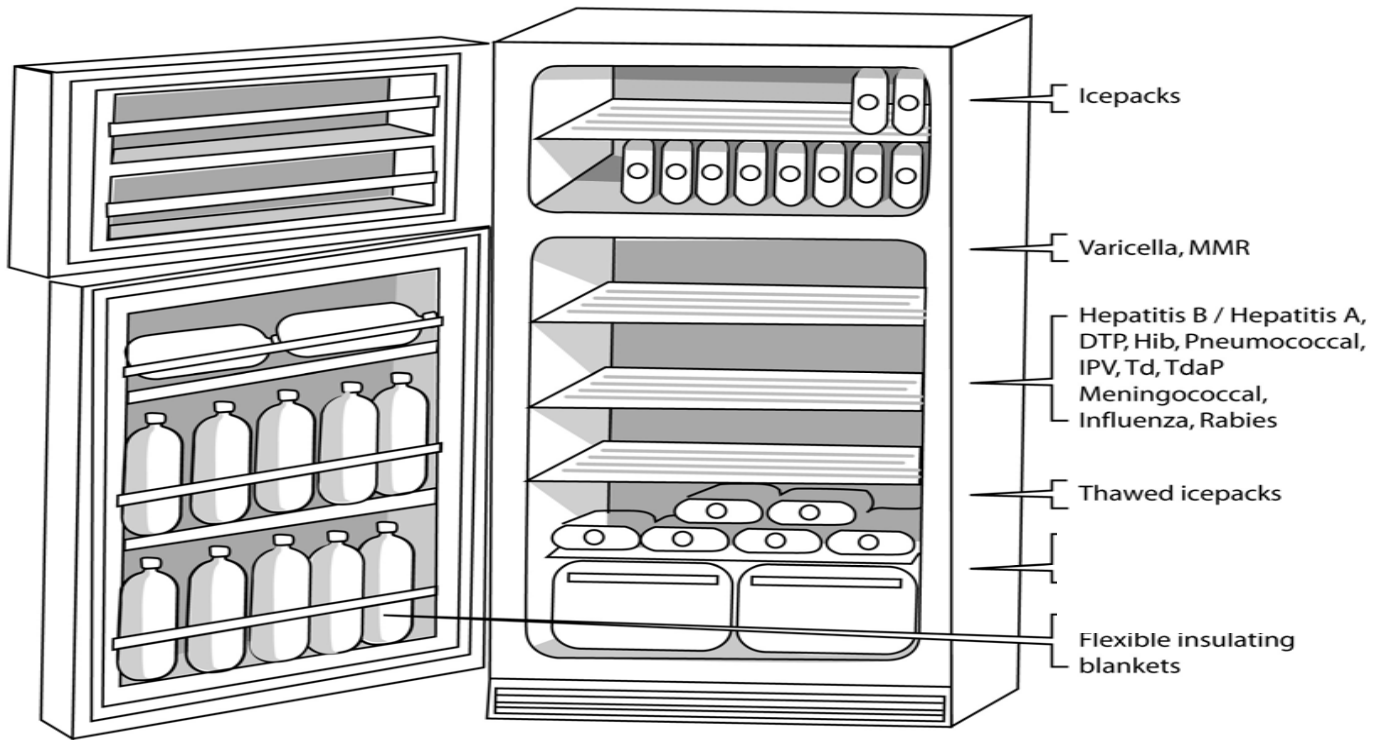
Gold standard

- 1) Temperature regulation**
- 2) Defrost mechanism**
- 3) Spatial temperature differential**
- 4) Effects of changes in ambient temperature**
- 5) Temperature recovery**





# Domestic Frost Free



# Data Loggers:

- Data logger provides real time continuous history of vaccine temperature including time data for exposures
- Libero preferred in field testing
- Temptale® used in Reefer truck shipments from BCCDC
- Smart button in use in FNIH



# Min-Max Thermometers:

- Data mixed from field trials
- VWR Sentry Min/Max memory Thermometers generally preferred had a recessed button design and an easily read display
- +/- 1°C sensitivity
- Accuracy is important





# Maintaining Equipment:

## Maintenance planning

- Maintenance log book should be kept for each piece of equipment, reminder systems should be in place to ensure that tasks are completed on a daily/ weekly/ quarterly basis
- **BPM to follow up?**
- Ensure staff aware to protect vaccine supply first

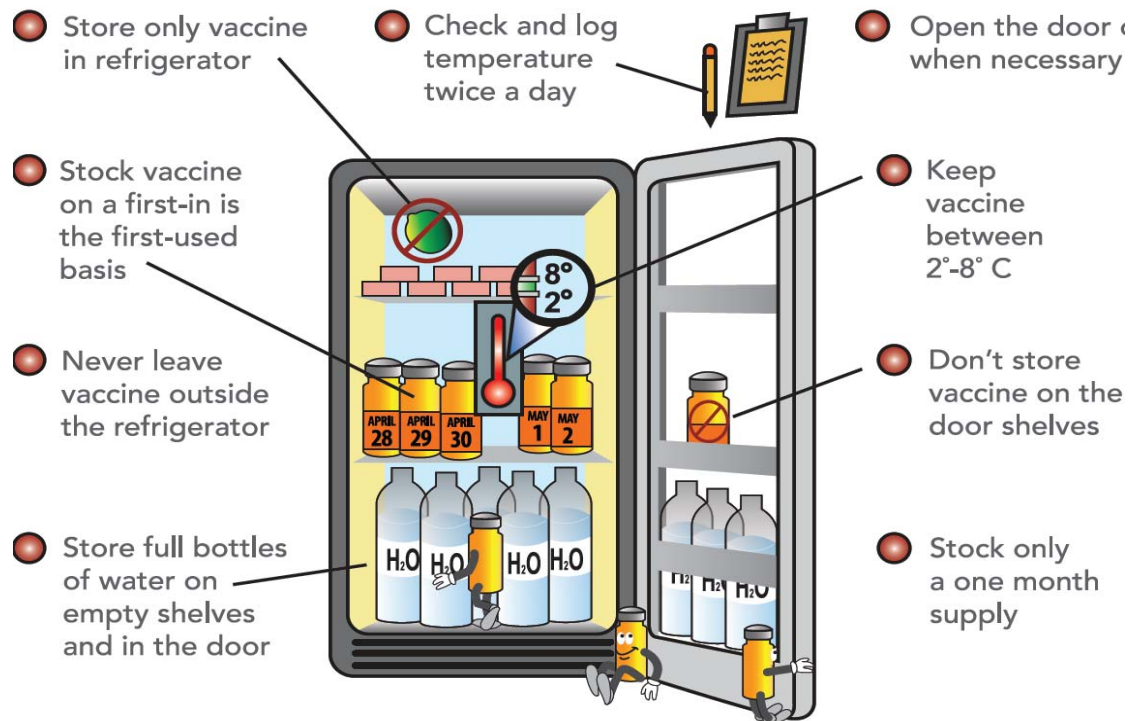


# Fridge and thermometer maintenance:

- **Daily Maintenance Tasks**
- **Quarterly Maintenance**
  
- **Thermometer**
  - **calibration**

# Vaccine Storage Practices:

## Monitoring temperature



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# Hand Monitoring Temperature



**+2°C to +8°C = recommended range**

**Temperatures must be recorded at the start and end of each business day**



# Daily recording

⊕ **Temperature Form (Celsius)**

Day of Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Exact Time																
°C Temp	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m	p m
≥ 11°																
10°			Take immediate action if temperature is in shaded section*													
9°																
8°																
7°																
6°																
5°																
4°																
3°																
2°																
1°																
0°			Take immediate action if temperature is in shaded section*													
≤ -1°																
Dial Setting of Fridge																
Room Temp																
Initials																



# Temperature Monitoring

- **+2°C to +8°C is the recommended range**
- **0°C to +2°C: consider as “refrigerator conditions”**
  - Thermometer accuracy (+/- 1° C)
  - “Worst case scenario”
  - Get fridge back in range quickly
  - **DO NOT FREEZE**



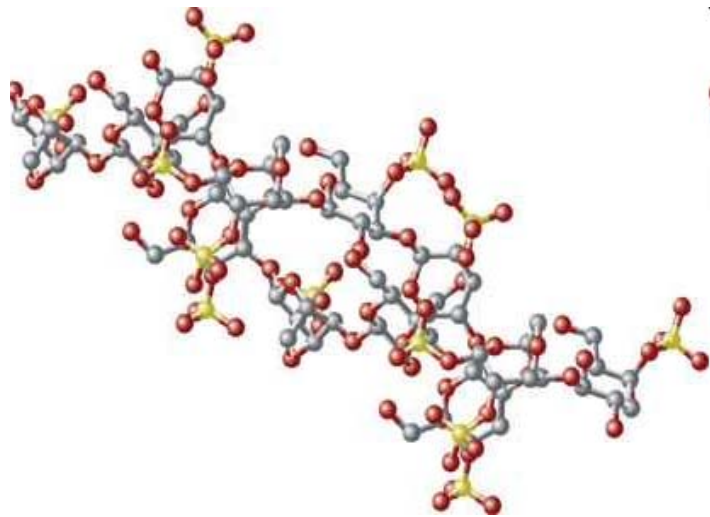


# Adjusting temperature:

- Temperature out of range:
  - Assume the thermometer is accurate
  - Protect the vaccine first
  
- Adjust the temperature: strive for 5° C

# Fridge too hot

- Polysaccharide vaccines at risk
- Decreases the infectivity of live attenuated vaccines.



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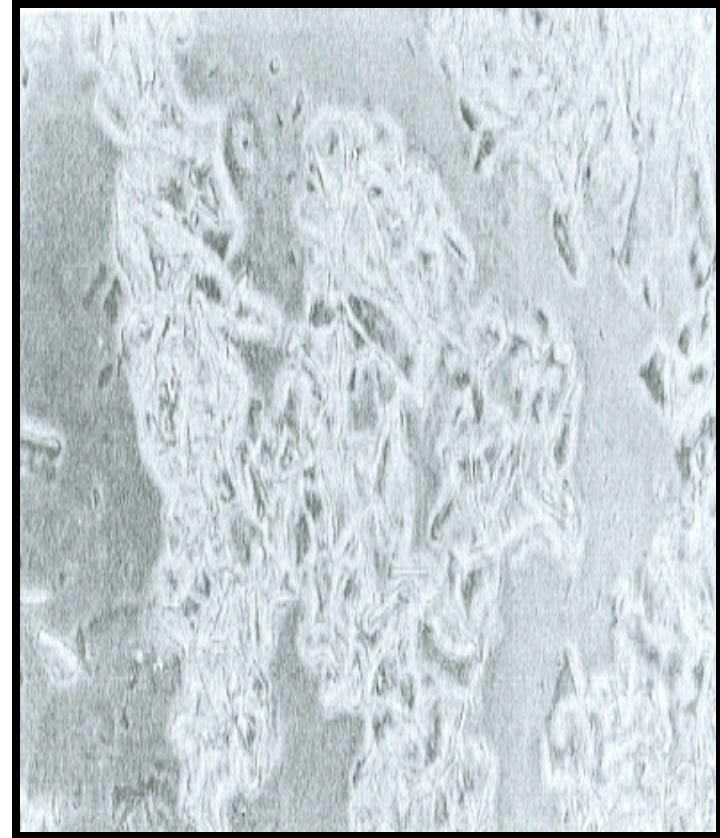
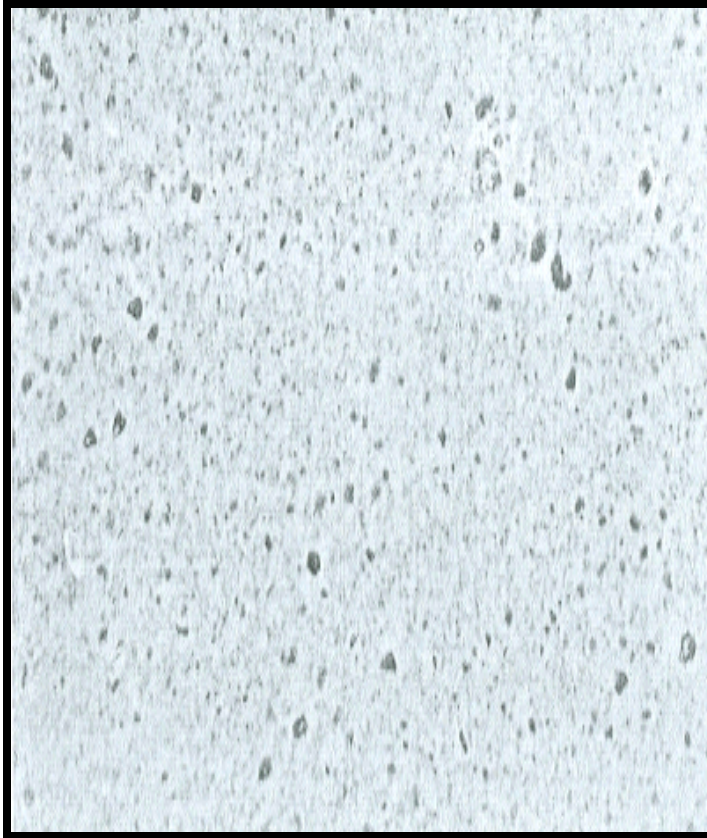


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# Has the cold chain gotten too cold?

- Inadvertent freezing is now considered the most important problem affecting vaccine integrity
- Accidental freezing occurs when vaccines are placed too close to the freezer compartment of the fridge, or placed too closely to frozen ice packs inside insulated containers
- Do you precondition your ice packs?

DTP vaccine affected by freezing showing large conglomerates of massed precipitates with crystalline structure



# Packing for travel:

- Use of tested coolers and thermometers key
- Ambient temperature important (seasonality)



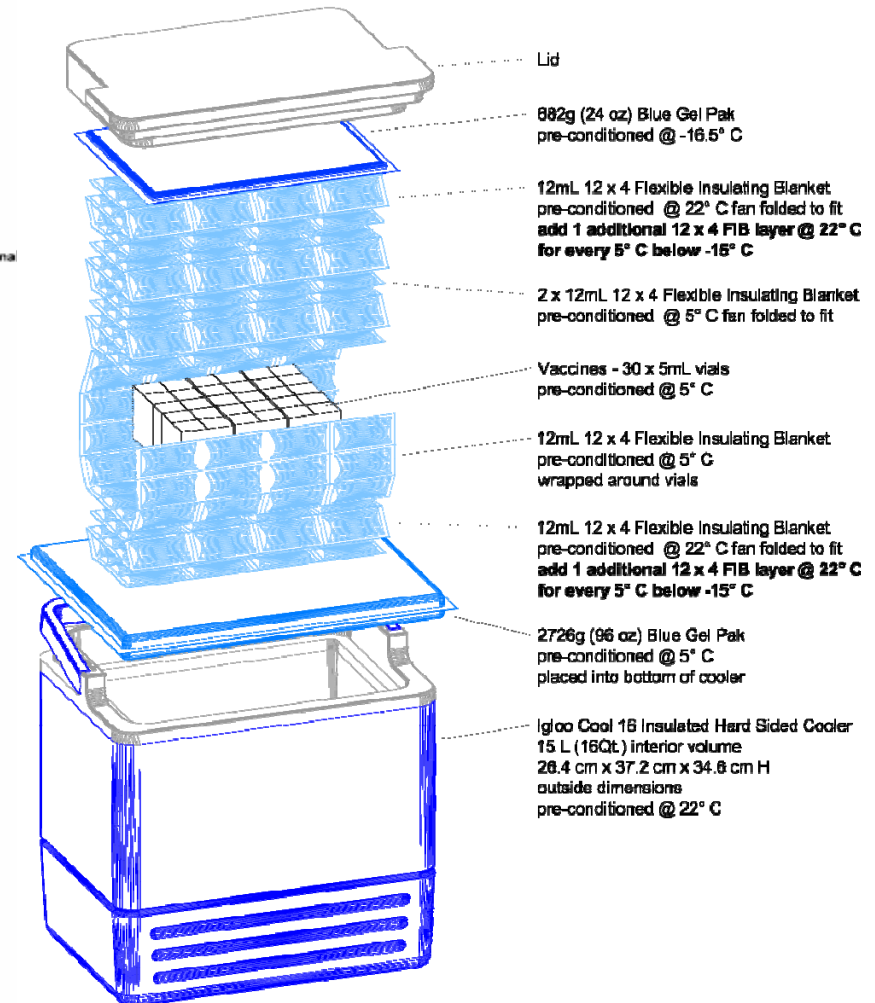
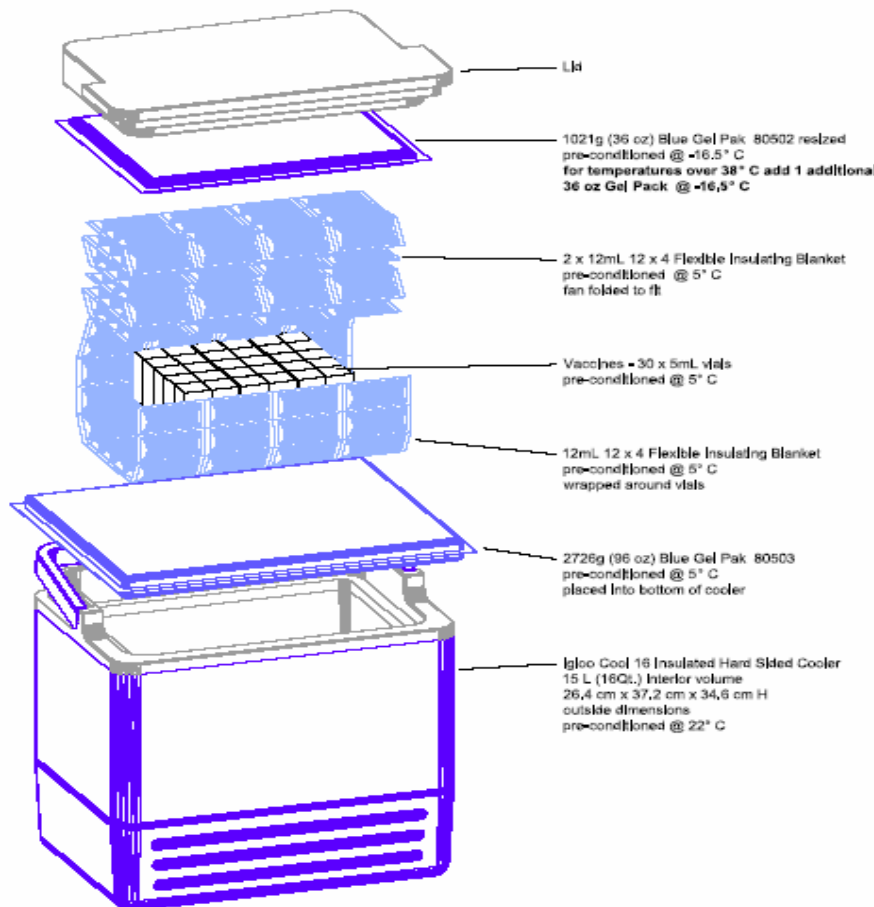


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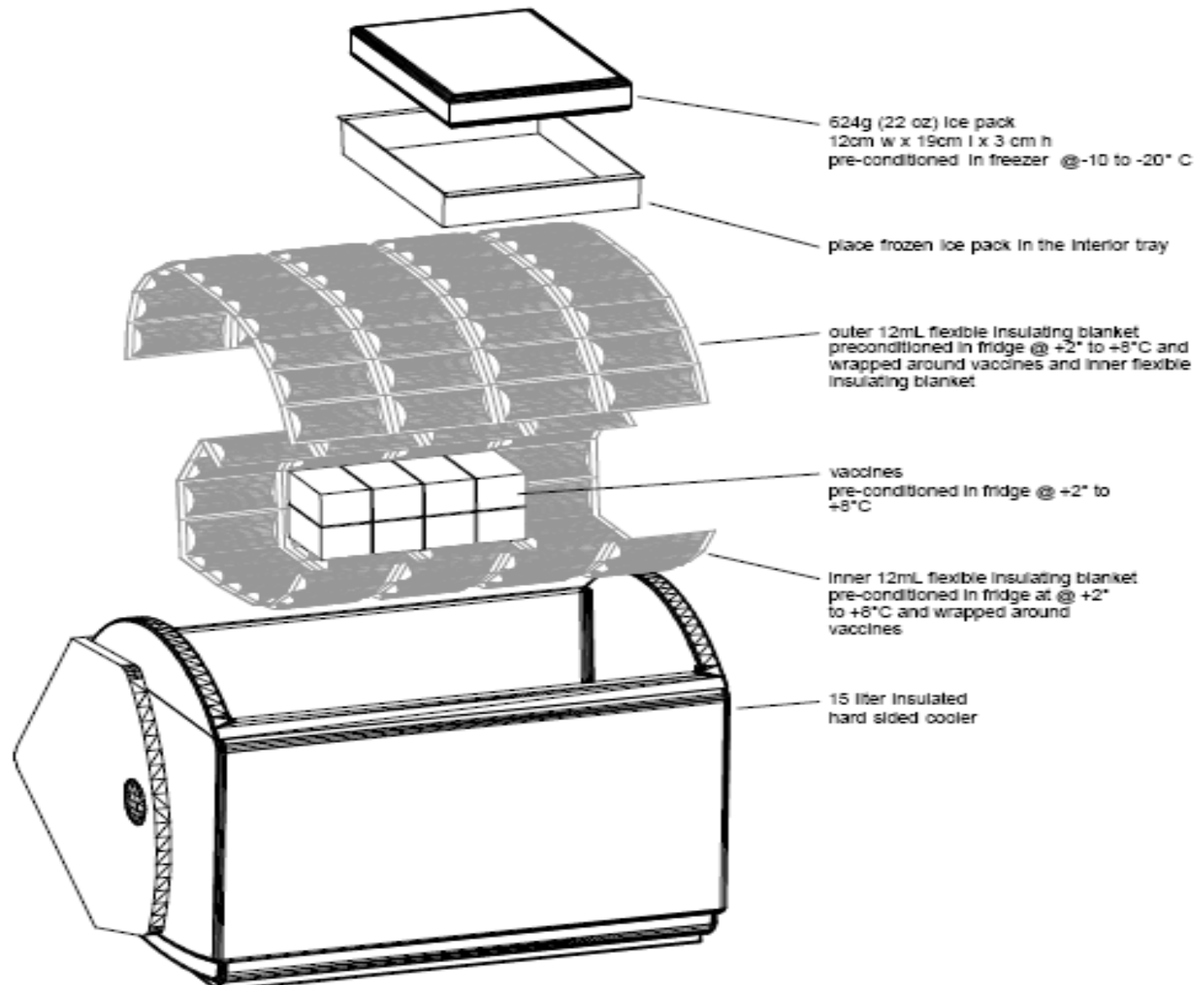
**IGLOO 16 Quart  
Summer Configuration**  
30 Vial Count 5 mL  
Seasonal Packaging Date  
April 2 - Nov 14

Cryopak Industries  
Dwg: CPH-IGloo16-38-L1  
Date: 06-06-22  
By: BP Chk: DE

**16 Quart Cooler - Winter Configuration**  
30 Vial Count 5 mL Liquid Fill  
Seasonal Packaging Date Nov 15 - April 1



## Packing an Insulated Cooler



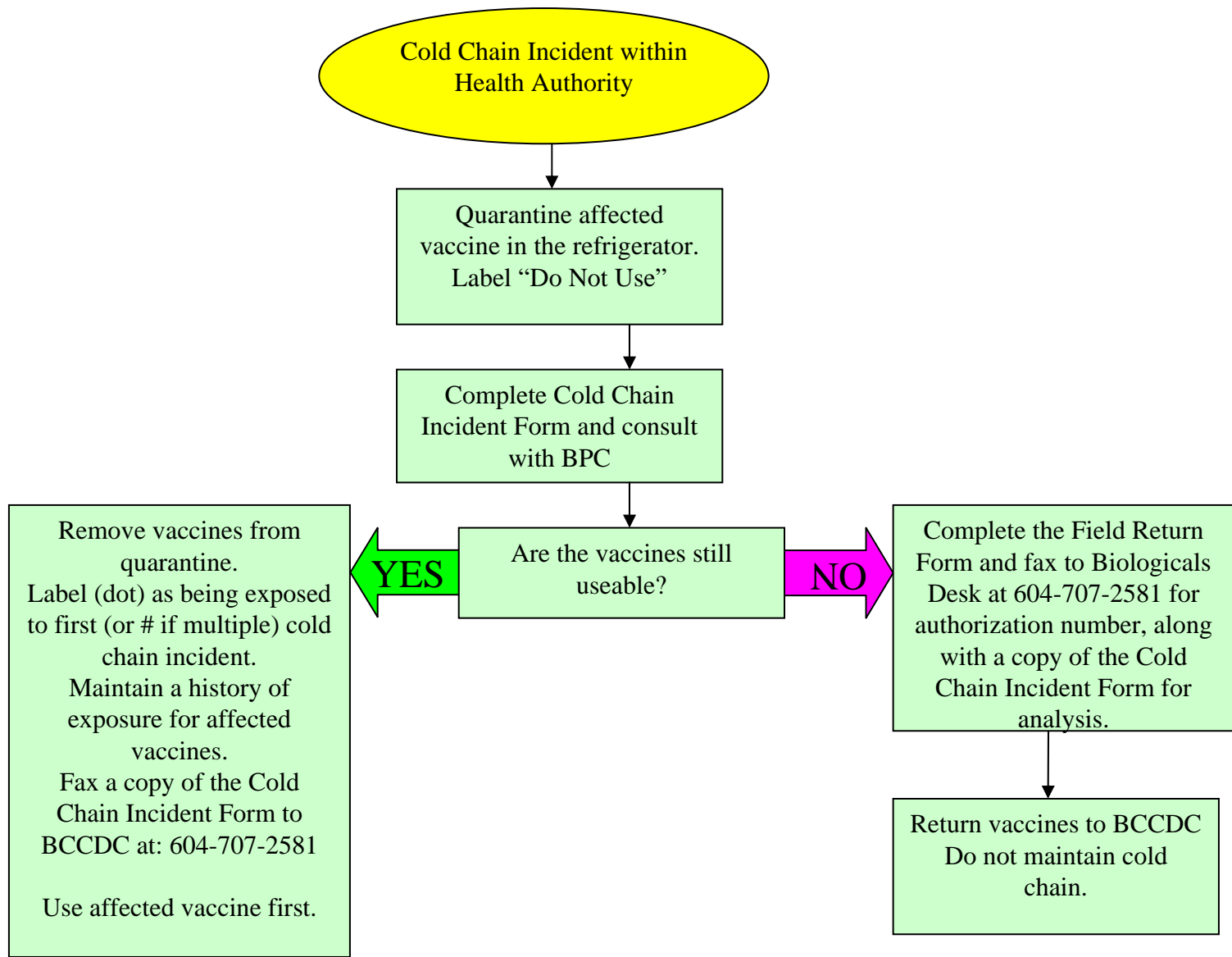




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# Emergency management:

- **Set up procedures in advance:**
  - ❑ **Weather anticipation**
  - ❑ **Continuous monitoring and alarm systems**
  - ❑ **Designated primary and backup vaccine coordinators with emergency contact information**
  - ❑ **Written protocols for situations where power is likely to be out for > 4 hours**
  - ❑ **Alternate vaccine storage facility or facilities with generators and 72 hours of fuel**





# Vaccine Stability Chart Use

- BPC responsibility
- Information from vaccine manufacturers & WHO
- Vaccine manufacturers- the product monograph or other written communications (direct communications in response to queries, contract clauses)
- 0-2°, major concern is freezing, if vaccine has not gone below zero, there is little to no effect on potency
- Accuracy of monitoring device is the key
- Emphasize that unless otherwise indicated the information in the chart is for a **single exposure**
- Cumulative nature of exposures- 2<sup>nd</sup> break generally requires further advice from BCCDC pharmacy

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# Procedure:

- BPM made aware of a break, completes cold chain incident form
- BPM approaches BPC with completed CCIF
- CCIF compared with VSC to determine usability-  
action taken as directed
- If there is a discrepancy between the VSC and the incident Pharmacy contacted- CCIF is faxed to assist in determination
- Clearly label affected vaccine (Red dot them)
- Use affected vaccine ASAP to avoid the possibility of a second break

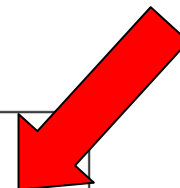
# Notes:

- Multi dose vials that have been entered must be discarded after any cold chain incident
- For unreconstituted vaccines only
- The absence of visible signs of freezing is not a viable test, the presence is- even if partial
- Unreconstituted, lyophilized vaccines such as MMR II, Varilrix/ Varivax are not affected by multiple exposures below zero

# Vaccine Stability Chart

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VACCINE STABILITY CHART				
Unless specifically stated otherwise the information provided in this chart refers to a single exposure to temperatures outside of 0°C to +8°C.				
PRODUCT	EXPOSURE DURING COLD CHAIN INCIDENT			REFERENCE
	< 0° C	> +8° C to ≤ +25° C	> +25° C	
<b>GlaxoSmithKline</b>				
<u>Boostrix</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	Stable for 8 hours at +21°C. <sup>1</sup> Stable at +25°C for 2 weeks. <sup>2</sup>	Stability information is available on a case-by-case basis. Quarantine vaccine and call 604 707 2580.	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Feb 2008 <sup>2</sup> PWGSC contract E60PV-07PERT/002/PH, April 2007 Annex C.
<u>Engerix B</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	Stable at +37°C for 7 days. <sup>1</sup> Also stable at +25°C for a series of exposures not exceeding a total time of 24 hours. <sup>2</sup>	Stable at +37°C for 7 days. <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Sept 2008 <sup>2</sup> GSK TagALERT® monitor interpretation provided to Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux du Québec from GSK, May 2009
<u>Fluviral</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	Stable at +25°C for 72 hours. <sup>2</sup>	Stability information is available on a case-by-case basis. Quarantine vaccine and call 604 707 2580.	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Jun 2008 <sup>2</sup> Information obtained by BCCDC from GSK, Sept 2008
<u>Havrix</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	Stable at +37°C for 3 weeks. <sup>1</sup> Also stable at 25°C for a series of exposures not exceeding a total time of 144 hours. <sup>2</sup>	Stable at +37°C for 3 weeks. <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Oct 2008 <sup>2</sup> Information obtained by Saskatchewan Ministry of Health from GSK, Apr 2009
<u>INFANRIX hexa</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	<u>Unreconstituted</u> vaccine is stable at +25°C for 2 weeks. <sup>2</sup> Reconstituted vaccine is stable at +21°C for 8 hours. <sup>1</sup>	Stability information is available on a case-by-case basis. Quarantine vaccine and call 604 707 2580.	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Jul 2008 <sup>2</sup> PWGSC contract E60PH-08HEXA/001/PH December 2008, Annex D.



# Vaccine Stability Chart Interpretation

- **Boostrix®** (data is different because of sources of information)
  - Product monograph- 8 hours at 21° C
  - Contract clause- 2 weeks at 25° C
    - Use the more generous of the two statements
- **Engerix®**
  - 7 days at 37°C (single exposure)
  - Multiple exposures totaling 24 hours at 25°C

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<u>Fluviral</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	Stable at +25°C for 72 hours. <sup>2</sup>	Stability information is available on a case-by-case basis. Quarantine vaccine and call 604 707 2580.	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Jun 2008 <sup>2</sup> Information obtained by BCCDC from GSK, Sept 2008
<u>Havrix</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	Stable at +37°C for 3 weeks. <sup>1</sup> Also stable at 25°C for a series of exposures not exceeding a total time of 144 hours. <sup>2</sup>	Stable at +37°C for 3 weeks. <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Oct 2008 <sup>2</sup> Information obtained by Saskatchewan Ministry of Health from GSK, Apr 2009
<u>INFANRIX hexa</u>	Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>	<u>Unreconstituted</u> vaccine is stable at +25°C for 2 weeks. <sup>2</sup> Reconstituted vaccine is stable at +21°C for 8 hours. <sup>1</sup>	Stability information is available on a case-by-case basis. Quarantine vaccine and call 604 707 2580.	<sup>1</sup> Product monograph Jul 2008 <sup>2</sup> PWGSC contract E60PH-08HEXA/001/PH December 2008, Annex D.





# Vaccine Stability Chart Interpretation

- Infanrixhexa ®
  - Unreconstituted vaccine good for 2 weeks at 25C
  - Reconstituted good for 8 hours at 21 degree
- Gardasil ®
  - Is allowed multiple exposures up to 25 C not exceeding 72 hours in total
- Prevnar ®
  - Is allowed up to 3 separate exposures, each not to be longer than 24 hours, at temperatures up to 21 C
  - Chart also notes stable at 25 C for 6 months, and stable at 37 C for 7 days
  - Consider the maximum allowable temperature and time when making decisions (more allowable exposures may be preferable)

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# Vaccine Stability Chart Interpretation

- Imovax Polio/ Td adsorbed
  - No specific information available for this vaccine
  - The antigen is present in Pediacel, so therefore we use the Pediacel data to interpret breaks for this vaccine
- Similar process for IPV, Td-Polio, the reference vaccine is Quadracel ®.




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# Vaccine Stability Chart- where to from here?

- In the future, manufacturers may be moving toward including stability information in their product monographs
- Chart will be updated as more information becomes available
- This has been developed with and shared with other jurisdictions within Canada



# Completing field return forms:

		Health Unit Address:  Phone: Fax:			
<b>FIELD RETURN FORM</b>					
<b>REASON CODES:</b>					
A - Cold chain incident: power outage B - Cold chain incident: equipment malfunction C - Cold chain incident: handling error D - Damage to product E - Expired product F - Surplus (for BCCDC redistribution)*		G - Wrong product shipped by BCCDC or requested by Health Unit H - Product recall by manufacturer I - Annual influenza harvest J - Cold chain incident: in transit BCCDC to Health Unit K - Cold chain incident: in transit within HA			
* If F code, product must be returned under cold chain conditions with this Field Return Form and Biologicals Return Requirements Form as per: Communicable Disease Manual, <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/74061D2E-482B-4A2C-BE6B-E551E852BCD4/KBiologicals_return_and_redistribution_requirements_form.pdf">http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/74061D2E-482B-4A2C-BE6B-E551E852BCD4/KBiologicals_return_and_redistribution_requirements_form.pdf</a>					
VACCINES	Product Code (BCCDC Use)	LOT NUMBER	EXPIRY DATE (YYYYMMDD)	REASON	DOSES
DaPTdIPwHBsHb, Infanrix Hexa	INFANRIX				
DaPTdIPwHB, Pediacel	PEDIACEL				
DaPTdIPV, Quadricel	SPACE				
Haemophilus B Conjugate, ActHB	TALL				
Hepatitis A, Vagte pediatric	VAQTA0.5				
Hepatitis A, Vagte adult	VAQTA1.0V				
Hepatitis B, Pediatric, (T-free), Recombivax-HB	RECOMB0.5				
Hepatitis B (Fasit/Kidney Dialysis), Recombivax-HB	RECOMB-DYS				
Hepatitis B Vaccine, Recombivax-HB	RECOMB1.0				
Hepatitis B Vaccine, Engerix	HEPB10ENG				
HPV	HPV1				
Immune Serum Globulin, GamaSTAN	ISG-SD2.0				
Inactivated Polio, Imovax Polio	POLVACS				
Influenza Vaccine, Fluviral	FLUVIRAL				
Influenza Vaccine, Vaxigrip					
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, MMR II	MMR II				
Meningococcal C Conjugate, NissVax-C	MENOC 5-NV10				
Meningococcal Conjugate ACQYW-135, Menocsa	MENOVAC				
Meningococcal Polysaccharide ACQYW-135, Mesomune	MOSS				
Pneumococcal Conjugate, Prevnar 7	PREVNAR10				
Pneumococcal Conjugate, Prevnar 13	PREVNAR13				
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide, PneumoVax23	PNEUV23				
Rabies Immune Globulin, HyperFab	RABIGH300TC2				
Rabies, Imovax Rabies	IMOVAX				
Rabies, RabAvert	RABAVERT				
Td Adsorbed	SOLUD				
TdapV Adsorbed (adult)	ELEMENT				
Tdap Adsorbed, Adacel	ADCL5-0.5				
Tetanus Immune Globulin, Bayzet / Hyperlet	TIG250I				
Varicella Vaccine, Varivax III	VARV00.5-10				
Varicella, Varilrix	VARIZ000I				
Other:					
Name of Biological Products Monitor:			Fax Form to: 604-707-2581 Biologicals Desk at BCCDC 1100-855 West 128th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Z 4R4 Email: <a href="mailto:biologicals@bccdc.ca">biologicals@bccdc.ca</a> 604-707-2582 Phone:		

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# Surplus Vaccine

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# Surplus Vaccine

- Inventory management basics
- Inventory management tools
- Forecasting demand for vaccines
  - based on birth cohorts, school enrollment
- Harvesting Vaccine
- Manufacturer credit system

# Inventory management basics

- Consider what you have on hand
- School programs – order only the first dose in the series
- Do not stockpile vaccines
- Review base orders quarterly and revise as needed



Example:

Monthly base order – quantity on hand =  
amount to order

“Excess” = wastage





# Ordering

- Order according to Vaccine and Pharmacy Services delivery schedule
- Establish a base order
- New requisition form will require the inputting of a base order and doses on hand.

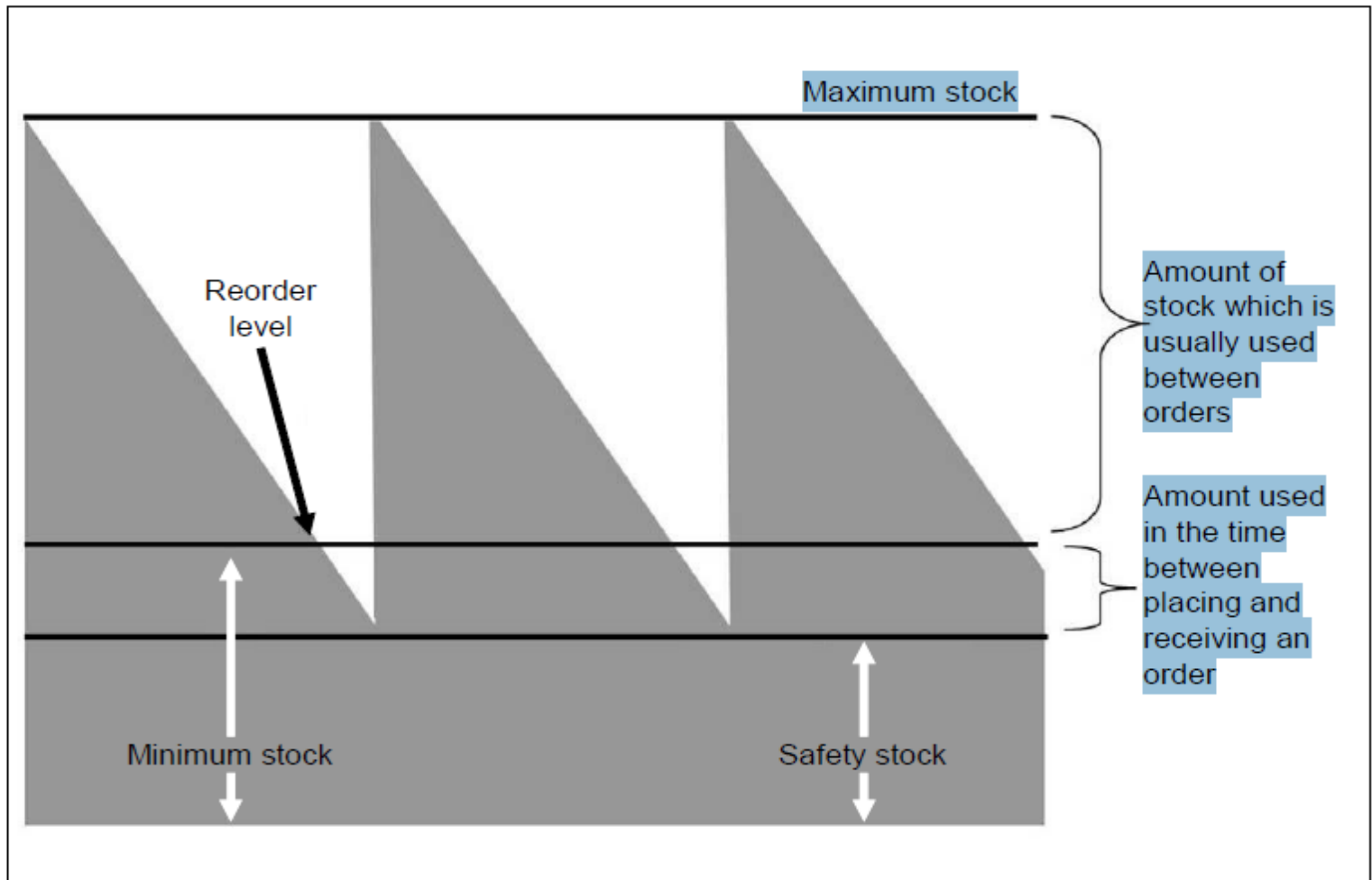
“Excess” = wastage



# Inventory Management Tool- example

RICHMOND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BCCDC INVENTORY May 1 - May 28, 2009														
			MONTHLY INVENTORY IN UNITS			MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION IN UNITS				WASTAGE IN UNITS			UNITS	returns
PRODUCT NAME	CODE NAME	DESCRIPTION	ON HAND	ORDERED	TOTAL	RHD	DOCTORS	OTHER	RETURNS TO DISTRIBUTOR	CODE1 EXPIRED	CODE2 FRIDGE FAILURE	CODE3 DAMAGED PRODUCTS		
Tetanus Immune Globulin	BAYTET-S	1x 1 dose syringe	0	0	0								0	0
Td/IPV Adsorbed	ELEMENT	5 x 0.5ml vial	12	0	12		3						9	0
Hepatitis B t free	RECOMB 0.5	1x 0.5 ml vial	285	216	501	65	186						250	0
Hepatitis B	RECOMB1.0	1x 1 ml vial	40	0	40	9							31	0
Hepatitis B - Engerix	RECOMB1.0	1x 1.0 ml vial	0	0	0								0	0
Hepatitis B	RECOMB 3.0	10 x 3.0 ml vial	0	0	0								0	0
Hepatitis B	RECOMB1.0	10 x 1 ml Vial	48	0	48	30	2						16	0
Hepatitis B (KD)	RECOMB-DYS	1x 1.0 ml vial (40mcg)	4	5	9	4							5	0
Hepatitis B (KD) Engerix	RECOMB-DYS	1x 1.0 ml vial (20mcg)	0	0	0								0	0
**Influenza (Split)	FLUVIRAL	1x 10 dose vial	46	0	46								46	0
Influenza Virus Vaccine	INFLUVAC	10 x 0.5 ml syringe	0	0	0								0	0
DT/IPV	GLEN	5 x 0.5ml amps	0	0	0								0	0
Hepatitis A	VAQTA1.0	1x 1 ml vial	0	0	0								0	0
Hepatitis A	HAVRIX 1440	1x 1 ml vial	27	20	47	2	23						22	0
Hepatitis A	VAQTA0.5	1x 0.5 ml vial	14	0	14								14	0
H1N1	H1N1	1x 10 dose vial	0	0	0								0	0
H1N1 (Non-Adjuvanted) - Pregn	H1N1	1X 5 dose vial	0	0	0								0	0
H1N1 (Non-Adjuvanted) 10-64yr	H1N1	1x 10 dose vial	0	0	0								0	0
Human Papiloma Virus	HPV	1x 0.5 ml single dose vial	633	288	921	541							380	0
Immune Serum Globulin	ISG-SD2.0	1x 2 ml vial	0	0	0								0	0
Meningococcal	MOSS10	1x 10 dose vial	0	0	0								0	0
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	MMR II	10 x 0.5 ml vial	56	20	76	21	26						29	0
Meningococcal	MOSS	1x 1 dose vial	0	0	0								0	0
Meningococcal A/C/Y/Y W-135, Menactra	MENCVAC	1x 0.5 ml dose vial	6	0	6								6	0
Meningococcal A/C/Y/Y W-135, Menactra	MENCVAC	1x 0.5 ml dose syringe	0	0	0								0	0
Inactivated Polio IPV	OCEAN	5 x 0.5 ml amps	0	0	0								0	0
Inactivated Polio, Imovax	POLVACS	10 x 0.5ml x 1 dose syringes	1	0	1	0.5	0.5						0	0
Inactivated Polio, Imovax	POLVACS	1x 0.5 ml dose syringe	37	50	87	45							42	0
DaPT/IPV/HIB/HEPB	INFRANRIX-HEXA	10 x 0.5 ml single doses (syringe + vial)	69	0	69	5	23						41	0

## Inventory control systems: Minimum, Maximum and Safety Stock Levels





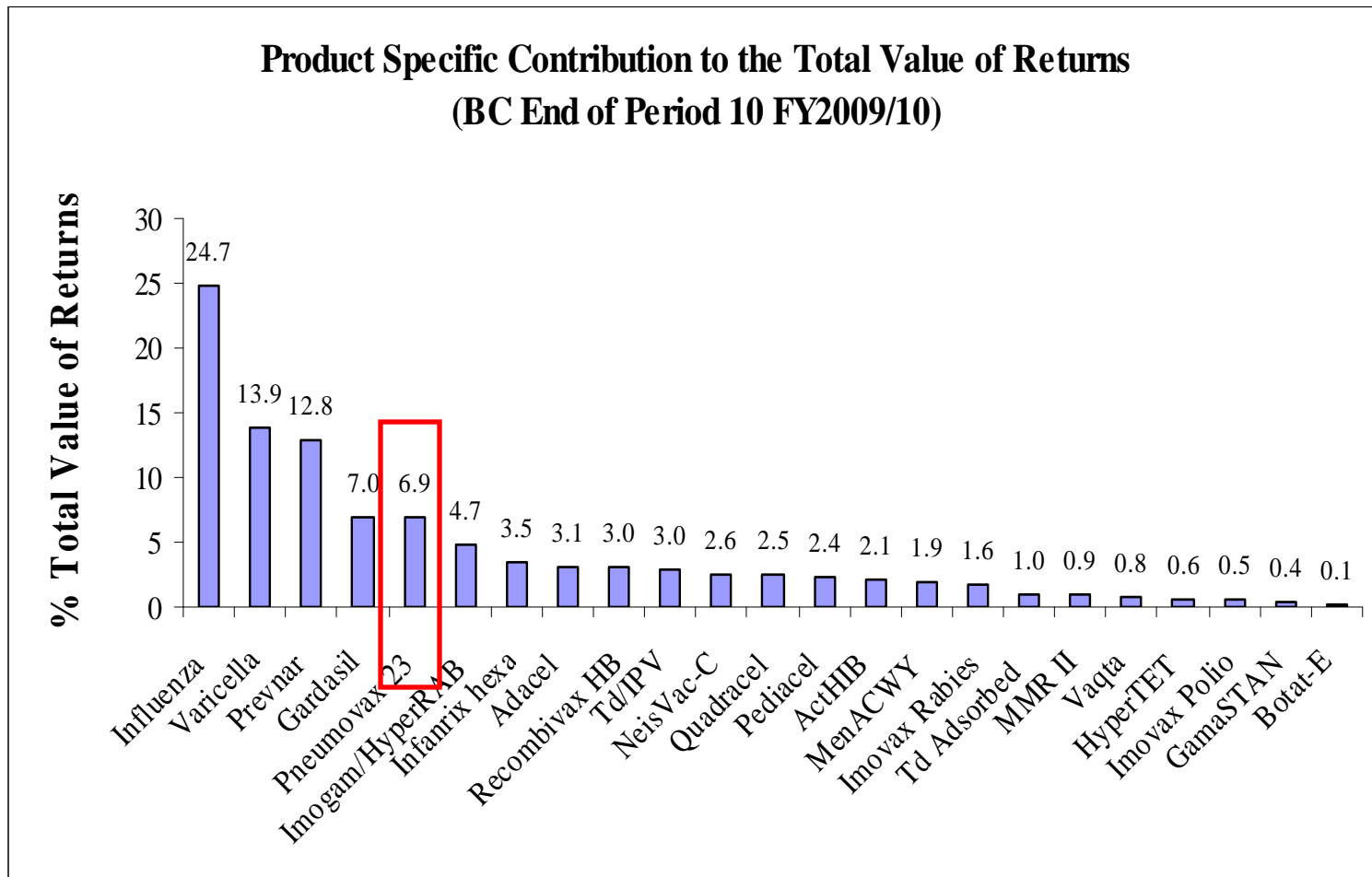


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# Manufacturer credit system

- As part of purchasing incentives, offered to provinces by manufacturers
- About 43% of vaccine returned to BCCDC from the field is creditable
- Credit rates about 5%

# Pneumococcal Polysaccharide:



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# Expiry

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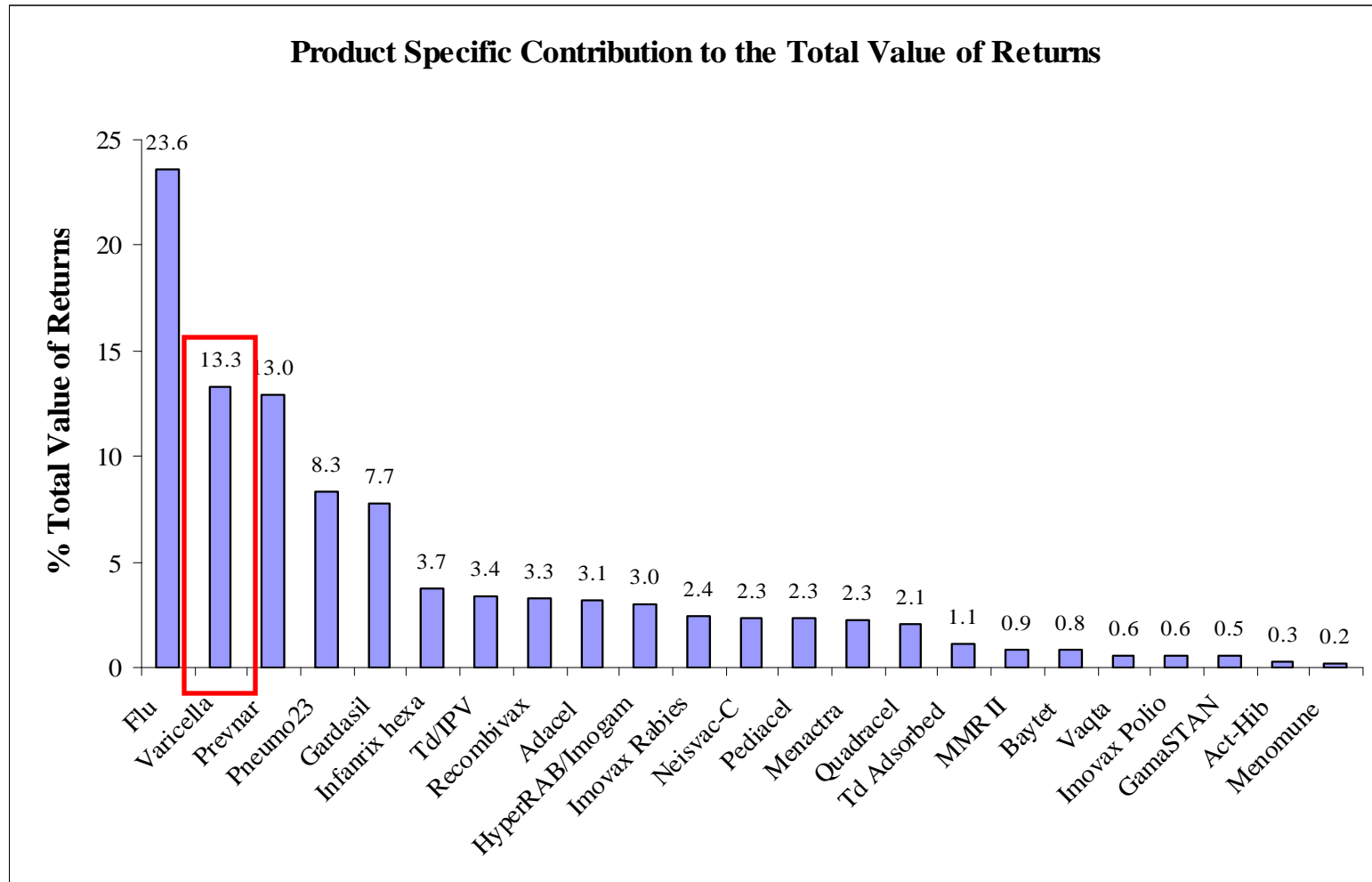


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# Expiry

- Varicella's contribution
- Rotating vaccine in the fridge, inventory management (EEFO)
- Redistribution of vaccine in the field
- Sending vaccine to BCCDC for reallocation
- Returns form completion

# Products contributing to value of returns:



# Inventory management

- “First in, first out” management vs. “earliest expiry first out”
- Check expiry date on the last business day of the month

**When the expiration date is marked with only a month and year, the vaccine or diluent may be used up to and including the last day of the month indicated on the vial.**



**“Expired” = wasted**

# Inventory management

- Check dates of opening on multi-dose vials
- Must be used within 30 days of first puncture unless product monograph indicates a shorter time



Expired = Wasted

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# Redistribution- why & how

- Vaccine are expensive and can be a scarce resource
- If vaccine is identified as unlikely to be used before its expiry it can be moved within a HA or within the province- everyone wins!
- Certain requirements must be met to ensure that redistributed vaccine is safe

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# Biologicals Return and Redistribution Form

- Cold chain maintained at +2°C to +8°C
- Products received directly from BCCDC and remained at that site
- Original packaging, sealed, unopened, unused
- Safe and secure storage site
- Temperature recorded twice daily
- 3 months dating prior to expiry



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## BIOLOGICALS RETURN AND REDISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS FORM

**NOTE: A FIELD RETURN FORM** (<http://www.bccdc.ca/imm-vac/immunization/VaccinesResources/guideform/default.htm>)  
**MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BIOLOGICALS DESK FIRST. THE DESK WILL THEN CONTACT YOU TO ADVISE ON THE COMPLETION OF THIS FORM.**

RETURNING OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET FOR PRODUCT(S) TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR RETURN TO AND REDISTRIBUTION FROM BCCDC PHARMACY.  
PRODUCTS MUST BE RETURNED VIA REFRIGERATED TRUCK (REEFER).**

- The cold chain was maintained between 2°C and 8°C for these products, throughout their storage at the site.
- Products were received directly from BCCDC and were maintained at all times at the site with no transfer from/to other site(s) prior to being shipped back to BCCDC.
- Products are in their original packaging, sealed, unopened and unused states.
- Products were stored in a safe and secure location with no public access.
- The refrigerator temperature was logged at the start and end of each business day.
- The products have at least 3 month dating before the expiry date is reached.

I have checked off all of the boxes and to the best of my knowledge confirm all of these conditions have been met:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Biological Products Monitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Biological Products Consultant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Enclose the two-signatory copy of this form with the surplus vaccines.**

Include a copy of your twice daily vaccine temperature monitoring log for the period of time since products were received at the Health Unit.

Enclose a temperature monitoring device with the vaccines. The monitors and reefer pick ups can be arranged prior to shipment by contacting the BCCDC Biologicals Desk at telephone: (604) 707-2582.

**BCCDC USE ONLY** → Field Return Report - Reference number \_\_\_\_\_

# Updating the bpm/ bpc lists

2 choices for submitting changes:

- 1. Have the consultant forward all changes directly to Jeanie Overy electronically: e.g. They could have a copy of our spreadsheet and where ever they make the changes reflect it in a different color, e-mail it to me and I will up-date our hard copy master, as well as, our distribution lists (these are shown below), or
- 2. Have them e-mail me directly with the following information: Effective date of change, name, email, health unit name, address, phone number, e-mail address, their title: eg Consultant, Monitor, and/or backup.

Below are the distribution lists that are affected, and attached is a copy of the master that can be used for changes.

*\_bccdc\_Biological\_Products\_Consultants*

*\_bccdc\_Biological\_Products\_Monitors*

*\_bccdc\_BPM\_Back\_Ups*

*\_bccdc\_BPC\_Back\_Ups*



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# Thank you

- Vaccine Wastage Reduction Working Group
- Immunization Team, BCCDC
- Vaccine and Pharmacy Services, BCCDC
  
- Contact: [cheryl.mcintyre@bccdc.ca](mailto:cheryl.mcintyre@bccdc.ca)