



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: Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual –
Chapter II, Immunization Program**

Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter II - Immunization Program:

**(1) SECTION VII Biological Products
Insertion of a new page 3: Tetanus- Diphtheria-Acellular Pertussis-Polio
Adsorbed (Tdap-IPV) (ADACEL®-POLIO)**

Adacel®-Polio is being substituted for Quadracel® for the year beginning April 2012 because of a Quadracel® shortage. Health units are advised to deplete stocks of Quadracel prior to switching to Adacel®-Polio. Adacel®-Polio (Tdap-IPV) is approved for use in children aged 4 years and older for boosting the primary immunization series against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio. Immunogenicity studies indicate that protection is comparable to that obtained by DPT-IPV (Quadracel®).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brittany Deeter, Immunization and Vaccine Preventable Disease Nurse Consultant, at telephone (604) 707-2522, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at brittany.deeter@bccdc.ca.

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