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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators  
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**Re: Update to Section VII- Biological Products**

**Please remove and destroy Section VII-Biological Products pages 64-65 dated February 2013.**

**Please replace with Section VII-Biological Products pages 64-65 dated September 2013.**

The following changes have been made to the pages:

**1. Indications:**

Indications 1-8 have been condensed for clarity to read:

- Reinforcing dose in Grade 9.
- Previously unimmunized or incompletely immunized children ( $\geq 7$  years of age), adolescents and adults, including those with unknown immunization history.
- Select special populations as indicated in [Section III-Immunization of Special Populations](#).

No indications have been deleted or changed.

Additional indications section added:

**RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION BUT NOT PROVIDED FREE IN BC:**

- All adults  $\geq 18$  years of age should receive one dose, if not previously immunized in adulthood.

**2. Reinforcements:**

Removed: Not publicly funded for booster immunization of those  $\geq 18$  years old.

This content moved to indications sections.

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**3. Contraindications** revised to read:

History of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) within 8 weeks of receipt of a tetanus containing vaccine *without any other cause being identified*.

**4. Product components:**

Now listed specifically for each vaccine- Boostrix and Adacel.

**5. Footnotes** condensed and moved into main text blocks as stated above.

Footnote A: added information on requirements for grade 9 Tdap dose if a dose was given at > 10 years of age.

This is consistent with the grade 9 consent form and is a programmatic decision.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brittany Deeter, Public Health Resource Nurse at telephone (604) 707-2577, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at [brittany.deeter@bccdc.ca](mailto:brittany.deeter@bccdc.ca)

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