

Date: January 19, 2018 Administrative Circular: 2018:02

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, Part 2-Immunization of Special Populations, Part 4-Biological Products & Part 5-Adverse Events Following Immunization

Part 2-Immunization of Special Populations

Chronic Kidney Disease

 The BC Renal Agency Hepatitis B Guidelines document date has been updated to November 2017.

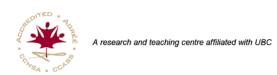
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Individuals with Neurological Conditions

- Pneumococcal vaccine has been added to the table of "Recommended vaccines for individuals with pre-existing neurological conditions", as pneumococcal polysaccharide and/or conjugate vaccine (depending on age) are recommended for those with chronic neurological conditions that may impair clearance of oral secretions.
- Content related to Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) and Menactra® has been removed as GBS is no longer a contraindication for receipt of Menactra®.

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Health Care Workers

Content regarding acceptable proof of immunity to hepatitis B has been added for clarity, indicating that laboratory testing for anti-HBs in the absence of a documented complete vaccine series is not acceptable. A hyperlink has been added to Part 1-Immunization Schedules, 1.1 Consideration of Immunization History for more information regarding adequate proof of vaccination history.

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Part 4-Biological Products

Tetanus-Diphtheria-Acellular Pertussis (ADACEL® and BOOSTRIX®)

 INDICATIONS has been updated to include "booster dose for individuals 4 years of age and older who are up-to-date for polio immunization". Associated footnote D has been added, indicating that Tdap is not indicated for primary immunization of children less than 7 years of age.

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Hepatitis B Vaccine (ENGERIX®-B)

 Content under the BOOSTER DOSES and SEROLOGICAL TESTING subsections has been revised to include the updated subsection titles and hyperlink to the updated Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Hepatitis B guidelines.

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Hepatitis B Vaccine (RECOMBIVAX HB®)

- Content under the BOOSTER DOSES and SEROLOGICAL TESTING subsections has been revised to include the updated subsection titles and hyperlink to the updated *Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Hepatitis B* guidelines.
- SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS has been updated to remove the content related to a 0.5 mL (5mcg) dose representing the "Hepatitis B Vaccine Higher Dose" for children less than 11 years of age, as this is now the standard dose for this age cohort.

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Hepatitis B Higher Dose Schedule

 Footnote C has been revised to indicate that the RECOMBIVAX HB® Dialysis Formulation (40 mcg/1 mL) may be used for kidney transplant candidates and recipients.

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Hepatitis B Vaccine Program for Chronic Kidney Disease Clients

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Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR II® and PRIORIX®)

The following indication has been revised for clarity: "Infants from 6-11 months of age who
are traveling to measles endemic areas or who are identified as contacts of a measles case".

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Tetanus Immune Globulin (Tlg) HyperTET®S/D

 DOSES AND SCHEDULE has been revised to remove content regarding the consideration of a 2nd dose of Tig 30 days after the 1st dose. A 2nd dose is not recommended as the halflife of TIg is 23 days, and extends beyond the 21 day incubation period for tetanus.

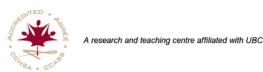
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Part 5-Adverse Events Following Immunization

• The temporal criteria for "intussusception or hematochezia" following receipt of rotavirus vaccine has been corrected from "0-42 hours" to 0-42 days".

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