

Date: May 17, 2016

Administrative Circular: 2016:08

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 Program, Section III-Immunization of Special Populations

Section III – Immunization of Special Populations

2.0 Other Conditions:

2.3 Chronic Heart and Lung Disease

• Reviewed, no changes made.

2.4 Chronic Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Leak

• Reviewed, no changes made.

2.5 Cochlear Implant

- Content added to pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to clarify that only children identified for a cochlear implant *before* 1 year of age should be immunized according to the high risk schedule.
- Information added regarding the letter provided to parents/caregivers by the Cochlear Implant Services at BC Children's Hospital that is used to collect the child's immunization history.

2.6 Cystic Fibrosis

- Influenza content updated to indicate that LAIV may be used for this population if not contraindicated (e.g., immune suppression).
- Footnote removed which recommended separating the administration of varicella and MMR vaccines by at least 4 weeks. Current evidence and expert opinion supports concomitant administration of MMR and varicella vaccines for this population, as well as the use of MMRV when indicated.
- Content added regarding Cystic Fibrosis disease and immunosuppression.
- Information added regarding the letter provided to parents/caregivers by the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at BC Children's Hospital that is used to collect the child's immunization history.







2.7 Diabetes Mellitus

• Reviewed, no changes made.

Please remove page numbers: 39 & 40 dated January & November 2010 Please add new page numbers: 39-40a dated May 2016

Please also remove the Table of Contents for Section III – Immunization of Special Populations dated May 2016 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents dated May 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC at telephone (604) 707-2555, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at <u>christine.halpert@bccdc.ca</u>

Sincerely,

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