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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 Immunization Program

Please note the following changes to the Immunization Program:

(1) Section II Immunization Schedules

Page 7, Vaccines recommended for high risk clients:

- meningococcal conjugate and meningococcal polysaccharide vaccines are recommended for recipients of solid organ transplants.

Pages 8,10,11, and 12, Immunization Schedules:

- for clarity, names of the biological products containing diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus have been written in full, rather than only abbreviated.

Page 11, Schedule C:

- timing for third dose of Tdap is twelve months after the second visit.

Page 13, Schedule E:

- clarification regarding eligibility of adults for polio booster.

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(2) Section VII Biological Products

Page 5, Haemophilus B Conjugate Vaccine (Act-HIB®):

- the second indication for this vaccine now specifies "**unimmunized**" persons older than 5 years of age with the listed conditions.
- the third indication for the vaccine separates out recipients of hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT) as this group requires 3 doses of Hib vaccine.

Page 7, Hepatitis A Vaccine (Havrix®):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.
- addition of Avaxim™ Pediatric as another interchangeable hepatitis A vaccine (using age-specific dosage).

Page 8, Hepatitis A Vaccine (Vaqta®):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.
- In the footnotes: addition of Avaxim™ Pediatric as another interchangeable hepatitis A vaccine (using age-specific dosage).

Page 9, Hepatitis A Vaccine (Avaxim™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.
- addition of Avaxim™ Pediatric as another interchangeable hepatitis A vaccine (using age-specific dosage).

Page 9a, Hepatitis A Vaccine (Avaxim™ Pediatric):

- new page, product licensed for age 12 months to 15 of years inclusive.

Page 10, Hepatitis A Vaccine (Epaxal Berna®):

- addition of Avaxim™ Pediatric as another interchangeable hepatitis A vaccine (using age-specific dosage).



Page 12, Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (Bayhep B™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a precaution to this biological product.
- the ventrogluteal site can be used for those > 7 months of age. However, the vastus lateralis is most often used for infants and children up to 5 years of age.

Page 18, Hepatitis B Vaccine (RecombivaxHB®):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.

Page 24, Hepatitis A and B Vaccine Combined (Twinrix™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.
- addition of Avaxim™ Pediatric as another interchangeable hepatitis A vaccine (using age-specific dosage).

Page 25, Hepatitis A and B Vaccine Combined (Twinrix Junior™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.
- addition of Avaxim™ Pediatric as another interchangeable hepatitis A vaccine (using age-specific dosage).

Page 27, Immune Globulin (Baygam™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a precaution to this biological product.
- the ventrogluteal site can be used for those >7 months of age. However, the vastus lateralis is most often used for infants and children up to 5 years of age.

Page 34, Measles/Mumps/Rubella Vaccine (Priorix™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to Priorix™ vaccine (pre-filled syringe of diluent).



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Page 37, Meningococcal C Conjugate Vaccine (Neis Vac-C):

- addition of grade 6 students as a group eligible for this vaccine.

Pages 39 and 40, Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (Menomune®):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.

Page 41, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar™):

- revised footnote ♠ regarding completion of immunization when the primary series has been interrupted.
- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.

Page 41a, Completion of primary series when conjugate pneumococcal vaccination has been interrupted (healthy or high risk children):

- this is a new page that specifies the scheduling of conjugate pneumococcal vaccination when the primary series has been interrupted.

Page 42, Recommendations for Pneumococcal Immunization With 7-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV 7) and 23-Valent Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPV 23) for Children at High Risk of Pneumococcal Disease:

- revisions made to be consistent with page 41a.
- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication for Prevnar™ and Pneumo 23™.

Page 43, Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (Pneumo 23™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.

Page 44, Polio Vaccine:

- clarification regarding booster dose for travelers to endemic areas.



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Page 45, Human Rabies Immune Globulin (HRIG) (Imogam®):

- information pertaining to site of administration has been made consistent with recommendations in the Rabies Control Guidelines. The ventrogluteal site can be used for those > 7 months of age. However, the vastus lateralis is most often used for infants and children up to 5 years of age.

Page 46, Human Rabies Immune Globulin (HRIG) (Imogam®):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a precaution to this biological product.

Pages 47 and 50, Rabies Vaccine (Imovax® Rabies):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication/precaution to this vaccine.

Page 52, Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) Adsorbed:

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine (multidose vial presentation).

Page 53, Tetanus-Diphtheria-acellular Pertussis Vaccine(TdaP):

- the word “individuals” replaces “children” for clarification re: vaccine eligibility.

Page 55, Tetanus Immune Globulin (TIG) Baytet™:

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a precaution to this biological product.
- the ventrogluteal site can be used for those >7 months of age. However, the vastus lateralis is most often used for infants and children up to 5 years of age.

Page 59, Typhoid Vaccine (Typhim Vi™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.



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Page 61, Typhoid Vaccine (Typherix™):

- addition of anaphylactic reaction to latex as a contraindication to this vaccine.

Page 62, Varicella Zoster Immune Globulin (VZIG):

- the ventrogluteal site can be used for those >7 months of age. However, the vastus lateralis is most often used for infants and children up to 5 years of age.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Immunization Chapter of the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Section II

Pages 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 & 13

Dated June 2003

Section VII

Table of Contents

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Pages 5, 12, 25, 43, 45, 46, 52, 55, 59, 61, & 62

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Pages 24, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42 & 53

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Pages 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 27, 34, 44,
47, & 50

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Insert the following pages in the Immunization Chapter:

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