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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 Immunization Program

Revisions have been made to the Immunization Program chapter of the Communicable Disease Control Manual that incorporate the program change that replaces Td vaccine with Tdap vaccine for the 14 to 16 year old booster in grade 9.

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

Section II – Immunization Schedules  
Page 7d & 7e  
Pages 8 & 11

Dated December 2003  
Dated August 2003

Section VII – Biological Products  
Page 53

Dated December 2003

Please note that there is a change in the recommendation regarding the number of doses of Adacel™ vaccine to be administered to those who have not completed a primary series of 3 doses of a tetanus/diphtheria-containing vaccine. The new recommendation is based on a national consensus of expert opinion. BCCDC has also forwarded the issue to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) for further consideration.

Please insert the following pages in the Immunization Program chapter of the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Section II – Immunization Schedules  
Page 7d, 7e, 8 & 11

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Section VII – Biological Products  
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