



July 29, 2004

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Communicable Disease Control Manual Revisions

Please note the following revisions, mainly due to the implementation of the targeted Varicella Vaccine Program:

I. CHAPTER III - IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

(1) Section II – Immunization Schedules:

Table of Contents:

- Information has been re-ordered with all immunization schedules outlined at the beginning of this section.

Page 1, Subsection 1.0 “Guidelines for Immunization Schedules:”

- Information pertaining to rubella vaccine and MMR for adults, polio vaccine, and tetanus toxoid has been moved to the subsection “Immunization of Health and Childcare Workers.”
- Last bullet revised “...doses given at less than the **minimum** interval...”

Page 4, Subsection 3.0 “Schedule B: Children 1 Year and Over but < 7 Years When Starting Immunization:”

- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine added for children born on or after July 1, 2003.

Page 8, Subsection 7.0 “Minimum Intervals Between Vaccine Doses:”

- New subsection to the manual

Page 9, Subsection 8.0 “Vaccines Recommended for High Risk Clients:”

- Cystic fibrosis added to list of indications
- Varicella vaccine added to list of vaccines for which high risk clients are eligible

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(1) Section II – Immunization Schedules (cont'd):

Page 10, Subsection 9.0 “Adult and Child Immunization Post Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT):”

- Varicella vaccine added to list of vaccines supplied free to child HSCT recipients

Page 11, Subsection 10.0 “Worksheet for Immunization of Adult HSCT Recipients:”

- New footnote “∇” pertaining to the administration of MMR vaccine

Page 12, Subsection 11.0 “Worksheet for Immunization of Child HSCT Recipients:”

- Previously, 4 doses of Adacel™ had been incorrectly specified on this schedule. If Adacel™ is given, the schedule is only 3 doses.
- Inclusion of schedule for administration of IPV to those ≥ 7 years of age who are receiving Adacel™.
- New footnote “∇” pertaining to the administration of MMR and Varicella vaccines

Page 13, Subsection 12.0 “BC Children’s Hospital Multi-organ Transplant Clinic Accelerated Immunization Schedule for Children Expected to be Transplanted Before 18 months of Age:”

- Addition of publicly-funded varicella vaccine for kidney or liver transplant patients

Page 14, Subsection 13.0 “BC Children’s Hospital Multi-organ Transplant Clinic Routine Immunization Schedule for Children Expected to be Transplanted After 18 months of Age:”

- Addition of publicly-funded varicella vaccine for kidney or liver transplant patients

Pages 15 and 16, Subsections 14.0 and 15.0 “Immunization of Solid Organ Recipients – Post Transplant:”

- These pages are new to the manual.

Page 18, Subsection 16.3 “Vaccines Recommended for all Health Care and Childcare Workers – 16.3.2 “Measles vaccine:”

- Added an explanatory note regarding the BC recommendation to use the cut-off of “persons born before 1957,” rather than the NACI-recommended cut-off of “persons born before 1970” being considered immune to measles.

Page 20, Subsection 16.3 “Vaccines Recommended for all Health Care and Childcare Workers– 16.3.5 “Hepatitis B vaccine:”

- Added information about testing for immunity to hepatitis B.

(2) Section III – Contraindications and Routine Precautions for Immunization:

Table of Contents – corrected; subsection 8.14 had not been included.

Page 1, Subsection 1.0 “General Guidelines for Assessment/Consultation:”

- Revised list of factors to assess prior to administering vaccine.

Page 4, Subsection 6.0 “Live Vaccines - 6.1 Altered or uncertain immunity:”

- Paragraph 3 was deleted, as the information is dealt with in paragraph 4. Previous direction in paragraph 4 was “The client’s physician should be consulted and a written **order** obtained....” The direction is now “The client’s medical specialist should be consulted and a written **referral** obtained...”
- The list of conditions for which this referral is required now includes the indications for varicella vaccine.

Page 5, Subsection 6.2 “HIV infection:”

- Information added about varicella vaccine administration to children and adults with HIV infection.

Page 7, Subsection 6.6 “Concurrent administration of live vaccines:”

- Added information pertaining to the timing of the administration of varicella vaccine and another live vaccine to high risk/immunocompromised clients (i.e. vaccines must be separated by a 4 week interval).

Pages 8 and 9:

- Repagination due to addition of text to page 7.

(3) Section VII – Biological Products:

- Pages 63, 64, 65, 66 – Varicella vaccine pages for the targeted Varicella Vaccine Program
- Page 67 – repagination.

II. CHAPTER II - MANAGEMENT OF SPECIFIC DISEASES

A new section has been developed, entitled "Varicella Zoster."

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

Section II Immunization Schedules:

Remove entire section:

Table of Contents	Dated December 2003
Pages 1, & 9	Dated June 2003
Pages 2 & 4	Dated November 2002
Pages 3 & 5	Dated March 2003
Pages 6, 7, 7a, 7b, 7c	Dated December 2003
Pages 7d, 7e, 8 & 11	Dated January 2004
Page 10, 12, 13	Dated August 2003

Section III Contraindications and Routine Precautions for Immunization:

Table of Contents	Dated December 2003
Page 1, 4, 5, 7, & 9	Dated November 2002
Page 8	Dated June 2003

Section VII Biological Products:

Table of Contents	Dated December 2003
Page 63	Dated June 2003
Pages 64 & 67	Dated November 2002

Please insert the following replacement pages:

Section II Immunization Schedules:

Table of Contents	
Pages 1 to 21	Dated July 2004

Section III Contraindications and Routine Precautions for Immunization:

Table of Contents	
Page 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9	Dated July 2004

Section VII Biological Products:

Table of Contents	
Pages 63, 64, 65, 66 & 67	Dated July 2004

Please delete the following from Chapter II of the Communicable Disease Control Manual– "Management of Specific Diseases:"

Table of Contents	Dated May 2002
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Insert the following replacement:

Table of Contents

Dated July 2004

Insert the following in Chapter II of the Communicable Disease Control Manual– “Management of Specific Diseases:”

Varicella Zoster:

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Pages 1 – 8

Dated July 2004

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