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AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

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

**I. Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual
Chapter I - Communicable Disease Control**

Please note the following revisions to the guidelines for the control of **Hepatitis A**:

Page 2: Subsection 3.0 “Epidemiology”:

- Section updated with reported cases from 2004

Page 6: Subsection 7.3 “Offer immunoprophylaxis to contacts”:

- Change to last bullet: “If a contact has received only **one** dose of hepatitis A vaccine more than 6 months previously, offer a second dose of hepatitis A vaccine.” While protection from one dose of vaccine may last five years or longer, a second dose ensures protection and gives long term immunity.

**II. Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual
Chapter II – Immunization Program**

Please note the following revisions:

(1) Section II – Immunization Schedules:

Pages 6 and 7:

- A second dose of MMR vaccine is provided free to health care workers and child care workers born after 1957.

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Page 8:

- The minimum interval table has been updated to reflect the schedules that are used when there is a delay in starting immunization with specific biological products.

Pages 9 – 12:

- Recipients of bone marrow transplants and hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT) are eligible to receive hepatitis A vaccine.

Page 18, Subsection 16.3.2 “Measles vaccine”:

- Second dose of measles vaccine (as MMR vaccine) provided free to health care and child care workers.

(2) Section V – Anaphylaxis:

Page 5, Subsection 6.0 “Other Considerations:”

- Addition of table specifying pulse rates at rest by age and gender.

(3) Section VII – Biological Products:

Page 6: Hepatitis A Vaccine Indications:

- Bone marrow transplant and HSCT clients are eligible for Hepatitis A vaccine.
- If a contact of a case has received 1 dose of hepatitis A vaccine more than 6 months previously, provide a 2nd dose of hepatitis A vaccine.

Page 15: Hepatitis B Vaccine for Students of Health Care Professions:

- Paramedic and EMT students are eligible for Hepatitis B vaccine.

Page 34: Measles/Mumps/Rubella Vaccine:

- A second dose of MMR vaccine is provided free to health and childcare workers born after 1957.



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

- Re-dated to June 2005 as the pages on the BCCDC website, dated October 2004, were not consistent with the correct pdf pages 39 and 40 sent with Administrative Circular 2004:15 (dated October 8/04).

Pages 43 and 43a: Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccines:

- Addition of ♦ symbol to immunosuppression category to reference footnote.

Pages 47 and 49: Rabies Vaccine Pre- and Post-Exposure (Imovax®):

- Information regarding the interchangeability of Imovax® and RabAvert®.
- Revised footnote: persons with an anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of rabies vaccine, or to any component of the specific rabies vaccine should **not** receive **pre-exposure** vaccine.
- Information re: new NACI recommendation about intradermal administration of pre-exposure rabies vaccine

Page 48: Rabies Vaccine Pre-Exposure (Imovax):

- Precaution that, although not contraindicated in pregnant and nursing women, it may be prudent to delay pre-exposure rabies immunization.

Pages 50 a – 50d: Rabies Vaccine Pre- and Post-Exposure (RabAvert®):

- New pages outlining the use of RabAvert® - recently approved for use in Canada

Page 55: Tetanus Immune Globulin:

- Change to footnote to read “When there is a contraindication to tetanus toxoid, or a client refuses tetanus toxoid, and the client sustains a major or unclean wound, consider offering a 2nd dose of TIG 30 days post the 1st dose of TIG. The reference to a delay in prophylaxis has been deleted.

Page 62: Varicella Zoster Immune Globulin:

- Statement regarding timing of VZIG and the administration of live vaccines (MMR and varicella vaccines) moved from Precautions to Contraindications section.



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Pages 63 and 65: Varicella vaccines (Varivax® III and Varilrix™):

- Catch - up program for susceptible children from 18 to 48 months of age in effect April 1, 2005 to march 31, 2006.

Pages 64 and 66: Varicella vaccines (Varivax® III and Varilrix™):

- Statement regarding timing of immunoglobulin preparation or blood product and live vaccine moved from Precautions to Contraindications section.

Please delete and destroy the following from Chapter I of the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Hepatitis A

TOC and pages 1 to 9

Dated November 2004

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

Section II – Immunization Schedules:

Pages 6, 8, 9

Dated March 2005

Pages 7, 10, 11, 12 and 18

Dated July 2004

Section V – Anaphylaxis

Table of Contents and

Pages 5 and 6

Dated June 2003

Section VII - Biological Products:

Page 6

Dated November 2004

Page 15

Dated June 2003

TOC and pages 34, 43, 43a, 55, 62 63 to 66

Dated March 2005

Pages 39 and 40

Dated October 2004

Pages 47 and 50

Dated August 2003

Pages 48 and 49

Dated November 2002





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Insert the following replacement pages:

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**Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter I:
Hepatitis A, Table of Contents and pages 1 – 9**

**Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter II, Immunization Program
Manual:**

Section II: Pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 18.

Section V: TOC and pages 5 and 6.

Section VII: TOC and pages 6, 15, 34, 39, 40, 43, 43a, 47, 48, 49, 50, 50a, 50b,
50c, 50d, 55, 62, 63, 64, 65 and 66.

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