



January 25, 2006

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

Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program

Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

(1) Section II - Immunization Schedules

Page 5, Schedule C: Children 7 Years to 18 Years (Inclusive) When Starting Immunization:

- The abbreviation for the Tetanus/Diphtheria/acellular Pertussis vaccine is changed to Tdap.

Page 6, Schedule D: Unimmunized Adults age 19 or over when beginning immunization:

- Tdap replaces Td for immunization of this group

(2) Section VII – Biological Products

Page 6, Hepatitis A Vaccine Indications:

- Individuals who receive chronic (life long) blood transfusions are eligible for Hepatitis A vaccine

Pages 35, 35a, 36, 37, 37a, 38, 38a, 38b, and 38c [Meningococcal C conjugate (MCC) vaccines]:

- The MCC vaccine, Neis Vac-C, is to be given to infants at ≥ 2 months and at 12 months of age. If another MCC vaccine is given for the 1st infant dose, continue the series with the MCC vaccine that was given.
- Re: interchangeability of MCC vaccines. Due to the significant difference in immunogenicity of Neis Vac-C for the 1st infant dose, MCC vaccines cannot be considered interchangeable for the infant series. MCC vaccines are interchangeable for those ≥ 12 months of age.

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- Revised statement concerning administration of vaccine to pregnant women.
- New pages outlining the use of Meningitec™.

Page 52, Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) adsorbed:

- Revised statement concerning administration of vaccine to pregnant women.

Page 53, Tetanus-Diphtheria-acellular Pertussis (Tdap) (Adacel™):

- Expanded recommendation for vaccine eligibility for individuals ≥ 7 years of age who have not had any previous tetanus/diphtheria immunization.
- Revised statement concerning administration of vaccine to pregnant women.

Section X – Appendices

Page 1: Varicella Referral Form:

- Change of wording to clarify that individuals 13 years of age and older require two doses of vaccine.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section II – Immunization Schedules

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Section VII – Biological Products

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Pages 35, 35a, 36, 37, 37a, and 38

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Section X – Appendices

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**Insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 2 - Immunization Program:**

Section II – Immunization Schedules

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Section VII – Biological Products

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Pages 6, 35, 35a, 36, 37, 37a, 38, 38a, 38b, 38c,
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