Date       February 17, 2006

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

Re:        Interim Guidelines for the Management of Community-Associated
Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Infections in Primary Care

Attached are interim guidelines for the management of community-associated
methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (CA-MRSA) infection in primary care.
These interim guidelines were developed collaboratively by the British Columbia
Centre for Disease Control, the BC Association of Medical Microbiologists, BC
Infectious Disease practitioners and the BC Provincial Infection Control Network.

They will serve to provide needed advice to practitioners while we engage the longer
term process with BCMA and others to finalize formal guidelines.

Please create a new section and insert into your Communicable Disease Manual,
Chapter 3, Infection Control Guidelines.

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