



BC Centre for Disease Control
An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

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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 the Communicable Disease Control Manual –
Chapter II, Immunization Program**

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

(1) SECTION IIA, IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES

Page 1, “1.1 Schedule A: Basic Immunization When Starting With INFANRIX hexa™ Vaccine”

- Under ‘School Entry Booster’ PEDIACEL® added as an option for the booster dose.
- School Entry Booster products now listed in order of preferential use.

Page 2, “1.1.1 Schedule A: Basic Immunization When Starting With PEDIACEL® Vaccine”

- Under ‘School Entry Booster’ PEDIACEL® added as an option for the booster dose.
- School Entry Booster products now listed in order of preferential use.

Page 3, “1.1.2 Schedule B: Children ≥ 1 Year But Less Than 7 Years When Starting Immunization (Children who will be able to complete a series of INFANRIX hexa™ before 7 years of age)”

- Under ‘Six months after 3rd INFANRIX hexa™’ added ADACEL®-POLIO as an option.
- Under ‘School Entry Booster’ PEDIACEL® added as an option for the booster dose.

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- Edited Footnote 5 to remove ‘ADACEL® and IPV’ as an option and clarified the preferential product choice for this dose.

Page 4, “1.2.1 Alternate Schedule B: Children \geq 1 Year But Less Than 7 Years When Starting Immunization”

- Under ‘Six months after 3rd DTaP-IPV’ added ADACEL®-POLIO as an option.
- Under ‘School Entry Booster’ PEDIACEL® added as an option for the booster dose.
- Edited Footnote 5 to remove ‘ADACEL® and IPV’ as an option and clarified the preferential product choice for this dose.

(2) SECTION VII, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

Page 2 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Acellular Pertussis-Polio-Haemophilus Influenzae Type b Adsorbed (DTaP-IPV-Hib) (PEDIACEL®)

- The PEDIACEL® page has been updated to reflect permissive use of this product for the school entry booster dose given at 4 – 6 years of age for protection against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio. The use of this product for this indication will be necessary in the fall of 2012 in BC because of the shortages of QUADRACEL® and ADACEL®-POLIO in Canada, expected to last until late 2012 when supply of ADACEL®-POLIO will be re-established. The additional Hib component in this product is not expected to result in additional adverse events, including local reactions. Use of PEDIACEL® is preferred to deferral of immunization.

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

SECTION IIA, IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES

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SECTION VII, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

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Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

SECTION IIA, IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES

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SECTION VII, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

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