Date: September 24, 2013                               Administrative Circular: 2013:16

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

Re: Update to Section VII- Biological Products

Please remove and destroy Section VII-Biological Products pages 64-65 dated February 2013.
Please replace with Section VII-Biological Products pages 64-65 dated September 2013.

The following changes have been made to the pages:

1. **Indications:**
   Indications 1-8 have been condensed for clarity to read:
   - Reinforcing dose in Grade 9.
   - Previously unimmunized or incompletely immunized children (≥ 7 years of age), adolescents and adults, including those with unknown immunization history.
   - Select special populations as indicated in Section III-Immunization of Special Populations.

No indications have been deleted or changed.

Additional indications section added:

RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION BUT NOT PROVIDED FREE IN BC:
- All adults ≥ 18 years of age should receive one dose, if not previously immunized in adulthood.

2. **Reinforcements:**
   Removed: Not publicly funded for booster immunization of those ≥18 years old.
   This content moved to indications sections.

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3. **Contraindications** revised to read:

   History of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) within 8 weeks of receipt of a tetanus containing vaccine *without any other cause being identified*.

4. **Product components:**

   Now listed specifically for each vaccine- Boostrix and Adacel.

5. **Footnotes** condensed and moved into main text blocks as stated above. Footnote A: added information on requirements for grade 9 Tdap dose if a dose was given at > 10 years of age.

This is consistent with the grade 9 consent form and is a programmatic decision.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brittany Deeter, Public Health Resource Nurse at telephone (604) 707-2577, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at brittany.deeter@bccdc.ca

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