

**Date: May 6, 2016**

**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
Directors of Health Protection  
Communicable Disease Environmental Health Officers  
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators  
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals  
CDPACS Clinical  
Hospital Pharmacies  
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**Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual:  
Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

A few changes were made to Chapter 1– Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies to capture programmatic and administrative changes. No important content area changes were made. Changes of note are highlighted here:

**Appendix A**

The contact list was updated.

**Appendix D**

The Rabies Exposure Report Form was revised to add a section on pet exposure. The Rabies Exposure Report Form was separated from the Rabies Biologicals Request Form. Both were removed from the guidelines and posted on the BCCDC website to be consistent with other BCCDC forms. Relevant webpages have been included in the guidelines.

**Appendix G**

The RIG section of the Record of Rabies Vaccine and Rabies Immune Globulin Administration was expanded to allow for entry of multiple site/lot/dosage injections. It was removed from the guidelines and added to the BCCDC website as per other immunization forms. The relevant webpage was included in the guidelines.

**Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual,  
Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

Table of Contents  
Pages 1 to 37

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**Please insert the following in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1- Management  
of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

Table of Contents  
Pages 1 to 31

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Eleni Galanis (604-707-2558;  
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Sincerely,



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