



**Date:** October 5, 2017

**Administrative Circular:** 2017:16

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

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,  
Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 1-Immunization Schedules, Part 2-Immunization of  
Special Populations, Part 4-Biological Products & Supporting Documents**

**Part 1-Immunization Schedules**

**Vaccine Abbreviations and Vaccines**

- DTaP-IPV has been removed from the table as this vaccine will not be available for distribution in Canada in the foreseeable future, from either manufacturer. As previously communicated, and in keeping with National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommendations, its use for the school entry booster dose and related use in the childhood immunization schedule, is replaced with Tdap-IPV.

**2. Routine Schedules**

- **2.1 Schedule A**
  - DTaP-IPV has been removed for School Entry (4-6 years of age) as this vaccine is not currently supplied.
- **2.2 Schedule B**
  - The vaccine indicated at the 6<sup>th</sup> visit has been revised from “DTaP-IPV-Hib (or DTaP-IPV)” to “DTaP-IPV-Hib (or Tdap-IPV)” as DTaP-IPV is not currently supplied. Associated footnote G has been revised to provide direction on which product to use depending on the child’s age at presentation and eligibility for Hib immunization.
  - DTaP-IPV has been removed for School Entry (4-6 years of age) as this vaccine is not currently supplied.
- **2.3 Schedule C**
  - A typo for ‘Tdap-IPV’ has been corrected on the “Personalized Schedule Worksheet for Children and Adolescents, aged 7-17 years (inclusive)”.

**3.1 Minimum Intervals Between Vaccine Doses Table**

- Footnote C has been revised to indicate that dose 5 is given as Tdap-IPV.

**Please remove page numbers:** 2, 5, 6, 8 & 14 dated May & August 2017

**Please add new page numbers:** 2, 5, 6, 8 & 14 dated October 2017

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## **Part 2-Immunization of Special Populations**

### **Candidate For or Recipient Of Solid Organ or Islet Cell Transplant**

- Tables 1 & 2: DTaP-IPV has been removed from the vaccines listed for 4-6 years.

**Please remove page numbers: 3 & 4 dated August 2017**  
**Please add new page numbers: 3 & 4 dated October 2017**

## **Part 4-Biological Products**

### **Diphtheria-Tetanus-Acellular Pertussis-Polio-Haemophilus Influenzae Type b Adsorbed (DTaP-IPV-Hib) (Infanrix®-IPV/Hib and Pediacel®)**

- INDICATIONS has been revised as follows:
  - “Primary series for high risk infants who are receiving hepatitis B vaccine by separate injection...” has been revised to “Primary series for infants who have received hepatitis B vaccine by separate injection...” to be inclusive of infants who initiated immunization in other jurisdictions.
  - “Completion of primary series for children under 7 years of age who do not require hepatitis B vaccine” has been revised to “Completion of primary series for children under 7 years of age who do not require hepatitis B vaccine, including those complete for Hib”.
  - “Booster dose for children under 4 years of age, including those complete for Hib” has been removed, as this scenario is now covered in Footnote A.
  - Footnote A has been added to provide direction on which product to use for children who missed the routine booster dose at 18 months age, depending on the child's age at presentation and eligibility for Hib immunization.
  - Footnote B has been revised to remove reference to DTaP-IPV as this product is not currently supplied.
- Minor corrections have been made to the product components.

**Please remove page numbers: 1 & 2 dated June 2017**  
**Please add new page numbers: 1 & 2 dated October 2017**

### **Diphtheria-Tetanus-Acellular Pertussis-Polio Adsorbed (DTaP-IPV) (Infanrix®-IPV and Quadracel®)**

- These pages have been removed as DTaP-IPV is no longer available, as outlined above.

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**Tetanus-Diphtheria-Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed-Inactivated Polio (Tdap-IPV)  
(Adacel®-Polio and Boostrix®-Polio)**

- INDICATIONS has been revised as follows:
  - Removal of reference to DTaP-IPV as this product is no longer available, as outlined above.
  - The following statement has been added: “These vaccines are indicated as a booster dose for those 4 years of age and older, and are not intended for primary immunization for children less than 7 years of age.
- DOSE(S) AND SCHEDULES has been revised as follows:
  - “4-6 years of age” has been changed to “Booster dose at 4-6 years of age” for clarity.
  - “Booster dose for those who missed receiving DTaP-IPV at school entry” has been changed to “Booster dose for those who missed receiving the school entry booster dose.”
- Minor corrections have been made to the product components.

**Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated March 2017  
Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated October 2017**

**Please also remove the Table of Contents for Part 4-Biological Products dated August 2017 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents dated October 2017.**

**Supporting Documents**

**History of Immunization in BC**

- ‘Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, and Polio Containing Vaccines’ updates include:
  - The date of implementation for DTaP-IPV-Hib for HSCT recipients 18 years of age and older has been corrected to October, 2012.
  - DTaP-IPV-Hib for HSCT recipients less than 18 years of age has been added with an implementation date of June, 2014.
  - End date added for previous QUADRACEL® shortage in 2012-2013, with QUADRACEL® replacing Tdap-IPV at school entry.
  - Tdap-IPV replaces DTaP-IPV for school entry booster, with an implementation date of October, 2017.
- The publicly funded influenza vaccines for the 2017/18 season have been added.

**Please remove page numbers: 3 & 12 dated May 2017  
Please add new page numbers: 3 & 12 dated October 2017**

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