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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: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control, Rabies & Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 4 – Biological Products

Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control

Rabies

- The Interim Guidelines for the Use of RIG in BC have been discontinued and dose-sparing measures are no longer required. As such, the Rabies guidelines have been updated to remove reference to the Interim Guidelines in subsection *4.2 Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP)*.
 - Please note that the [Interim Direction for the use of rabies vaccine for post exposure prophylaxis in BC](#) is being evaluated by the Rabies Working Group and CD Policy Committee and will be available in early 2020.

Please remove the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1, Rabies: Table of Contents & Pages 1 to 35, dated July 2019

Please insert the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1, Rabies: Table of Contents & Pages 1 to 35, dated December 2019

Chapter 2: Immunization

Part 4 – Biological Products

Immune Globulins

Human Rabies Immune Globulin (Rablg): HyperRAB® & Imogam® Rabies Pasteurized

- The Interim Guidelines for the Use of RIG in BC have been discontinued as demand has returned to baseline and dose-sparing measures are no longer required. As such, the product pages have been updated to revert back to the administration of a full dose of Rablg. Following infiltration of Rablg into and around the wound(s), any remaining volume should be injected intramuscularly.

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Please remove HyperRAB® page numbers: 1-3 dated September 2019
Please add HyperRAB® page numbers: 1-3 dated December 2019

Please remove Imogam® Rabies Pasteurized page numbers: 1-3 dated July 26, 2019
Please add Imogam® Rabies Pasteurized page numbers: 1-3 dated December 2019

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