Date: July 11, 2012

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

Contractual changes in purchase of vaccines have added Menveo™ as a Meningococcal Group A, C, Y and W135 Conjugate vaccine used in BC immunization programs. This product should be used under the same circumstances as Menactra®.

Age indications for this product in current approvals for use by Health Canada are limited to 2-55 year olds, as for Menactra®, but there are data on safety of use in 56-65 year olds and the European Medicines Agency (EMEA) which authorizes use of vaccines in European Union countries has a permissive recommendation for use in older adults. Should the indications for use arise in those older than 55 years, Menveo™ may be used in this age group.

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

1) SECTION VII- BIOLOGICALS

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

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Administrative Circular 2012:15
Page 41 – Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate Vaccine (Menactra®)  
Dated January 2012

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

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Page 41 - Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate Vaccine (Menactra® or Menveo™)  
Dated July 2012

New Page 42a- Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate Vaccine (Menveo™)  
Dated July 2012

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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