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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 2 - Immunization Program,
Section III – Immunization of Special Populations**

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1.0 Immunocompromised Individuals:

1.5.3.1 Immunization of pediatric (those under 18 years of age) oncology clients who have completed treatment, including autologous HSCT

Removed reference to “the oncologist at BC Children’s Hospital”, and changed to simply “the oncologist”, as residents of BC may be treated by an oncologist outside of the province (e.g. Alberta). A nurse practitioner at the oncology clinic may also sign the approval letter for commencement of immunizations post treatment.

The statement, “Clients should receive an extra dose of DTaP-HB-IPV-Hib if they were ‘complete for age’ prior to commencing treatment regimen” added under DTaP-HB-IPV-Hib to be consistent with the other vaccines listed.

As per request from the Oncology, Hematology and BMT Clinic at BC Children’s Hospital, a footnote has been added to be inclusive of individuals 18 years of age and older who are receiving treatment at their clinic.

Please remove page numbers: 18b – 18f dated June 2014
Please add new page numbers: 18b – 18f dated February 2016

**1.5.3.2 Approval for Immunization of Pediatric (those under 18 years of age)
Oncology and HSCT Clients who have Completed Treatment**

The statement, "To be completed by the oncologist or nurse practitioner at the oncology clinic and sent to Public Health Nurse" added, and "Oncologist Name" changed to "Name of Health Care Provider".

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC at telephone (604) 707-2555, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at christine.halpert@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,



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