

NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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Title: Recombivax[®] Hepatitis B Vaccine Alternate Two-Dose Option for Adolescents (11 to 15 years of age)

Effective Date: September 20, 2001

Statement of approved clinical practice:

The Northwest Territories Advisory Committee on Immunization endorses the alternate two-dose schedule for hepatitis B immunization of adolescents 11 to 15 years of age, using the Recombivax HB™ product in accordance with the manufacturer's product monograph. Each dose shall be 1.0 mL given intramuscularly with the second dose given 4 to 6 months after the first.

This alternate two-dose schedule can be used for school based catch-up programs for adolescents between the ages of 11 to 15 only. The alternate two-dose schedule **CANNOT** be used for the regular Grade 4 program. Grade 4 students shall continue to be immunized according to the three-dose schedule of 0.5 mL per dose given at 0, 1 and 6 month intervals.

References:

National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). (1 July 2000) Statement On Alternate Adolescent Schedule For Hepatitis B Vaccine (ACS-5):An Advisory Committee Statement. Canada Communicable Disease Report Vol. 26. Available on-line at:
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/publicat/ccdr/00vol26/26sup/acs5.html>

This clinical practice is approved. _____
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