



NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

Northwest Territories Health and Social Services

UPON RECEIPT: (1) PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW
(2) FILE THIS NOTICE IN SECTION C, CLINICAL PRACTICE INFORMATION BINDER FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The following clinical practice has been approved for use in the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services system, and has been distributed to:

- Hospitals
- Community Health Centers
- Public Health Units
- Doctors' Offices
- Social Services Offices
- Other: CDC Manuals

The information contained in this document is a Departmental:

- Policy
- Standard
- Protocol
- Procedure
- Guidelines

Title: Changes to Pertussis Management and Control

Effective Date: April 2, 2004

Statement of approved clinical practice:

The NWT Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends the following changes to Pertussis Management and Control. These recommendations are based on the National Consensus Conference on Pertussis (May, 2002). The aim of these recommendations is to decrease activity in infants, children, adolescents and adults.

1. Treatment changes include expanded choice of antibiotics see attached table on page 3.
2. For confirmed cases (culture, PCR, serology of epidemiologic link) or clinically diagnosed cases occurring during an outbreak, chemoprophylaxis should be given to the following:
 - Household contacts (including attendees at family day care centers) where there is a vulnerable person (an infant <1year of age (vaccinated or not) or a pregnant women in her third trimester).
 - For out of household exposures, vulnerable individuals who have had face-to-face exposure and/or have shared confined air or >1 hour.

Please replace the current Pertussis section in the CDC Manual with the attached:

- Changes to Pertussis Management and Control.

Attachments:

- Changes to Pertussis Management and Control
- Pertussis: Routine Case Management Protocol

This clinical practice is approved.

(signature)

- Assistant Deputy Minister
- Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Director, Child & Family Services
- Director, Adoptions