



NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

Northwest Territories Health and Social Services

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

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The information contained in this document is a Departmental:

Policy Standard Protocol Procedure Guidelines

Title: Universal Infant Meningococcal Program

Effective Date: September 01, 2004

Statement of approved clinical practice: The National Advisory Committee and NWT Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends all infants receive Meningococcal C Vaccine at 2 and 4 months of age.

On recommendation from the Chief Medical Health Officer, Cabinet has approved a publicly funded Universal Meningococcal C Program for infants to begin in September, 2004.

- The NWT is using Meningococcal C Vaccine, which is to be administered to infants in 2 doses of 0.5 mL intramuscularly and concurrently with Pentacel at 2 and 4 months .
- A randomized controlled trial of a new vaccine consisting of serogroup C capsular polysaccharide conjugated to a protein carrier has demonstrated safety, and immunogenicity from early infancy and immunologic memory when given with other routinely administered vaccines to infants (MacLennan et al., 2000).

Attachments: NWT Immunization Schedule, revised June 22, 2004.

NWT Immunization Competency Exams to nurse managers.

Meningococcal C Pamphlets.

Reference: NACI Statement on the Recommended Use of Meningococcal Vaccines. CCDR 2001; 27: ACS-6.

This clinical practice is approved.

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