



# 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: RSV Prophylaxis Protocol for Eligible Premature Infants – 2004-2005**

**Effective Date: December 2004**

**Statement of approved clinical practice:**

The NWT Advisory Committee on Immunization in conjunction with Stanton Territorial Hospital Pediatricians recommends RSV prophylaxis for:

1. Premature infants <32 weeks who are less than 6 months of age at the start of the RSV season.
2. Children 24 months or younger with bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) or chronic lung disease due to prematurity who required oxygen within six months of the RSV season.

Other groups now considered at risk and eligible or to be considered for prophylaxis with Palivizumab (Synagis<sup>®</sup>) include:

1. Infants with hemodynamically significant cardiac disease.
2. Infants 33 – 35 week gestation may be considered.

The guidelines for the Northwest Territories are based on those developed by the Canadian Pediatric Society

**Please replace your current RSV Protocol dated April 2003 with the attached *RSV Prophylaxis Protocol* dated December 2004 in the RSV Section of the Communicable Disease Manual.**

Those who do not have a Communicable Disease Manual should retain the attached information for reference in their own filing system.

**Attachments:**

- RSV Prophylaxis Protocol
- Synagis Form
- RSV Pamphlet

This clinical practice is approved.

(signature)

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