



NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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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: Adult TdaP Booster

Effective Date: October 01, 2005

Statement of approved clinical practice: The NWT Advisory Committee on Immunization in accordance with National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends that all adults at least once in their lifetime receive a booster containing tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.

Pertussis is a frequent cause of cough illness in adults. This constitutes a major reservoir of the disease and is an important source of transmission to infants. Also, adults may suffer severe adverse consequences from the illness, such as pneumonia, fractured ribs and rarely death.


One dose of TdaP to be given once in adulthood instead of a Td booster.

Td boosters are still recommended at ten-year intervals, especially for adults at risk for tetanus or diphtheria exposure, since immunity wanes in the elderly and antibody titers may drop off significantly.

Adacel (Sanofi Pasteur) product will be used for adults.

Attachments: Revised NWT Immunization Schedule

This clinical practice is approved.


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October 11, 2005

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