Northwest Territories Health and Social Services

NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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X	**Policy**		Standard		Protocol		Procedure		Guideline

Title: Implementation of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Program

Effective Date: November 27, 2009

Statement of approved clinical practice: The GNWT has approved the recommendations of the NWT Advisory Committee on Immunization and funded the implementation of an HPV Vaccination Program.

1. HPV Vaccine will be offered to one of the following Grades: 4, 5 or 6 girls depending on regional acceptance beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.
2. A catch-up program will also be implemented over the next five years as follows:

School Year	Grade
2009-2010	11 and 12
2010-2011	10 and 11
2011-2012	9 and 10
2012-2013	9
2013-2014	9

The vaccine is also to be made available upon request to all girls who may have left school up to the age of eighteen.

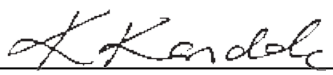
A parent or guardian must sign a consent form for girls under 14 years of age.

The NWT will be using the Gardasil™ Vaccine, which should be administered intramuscularly in the deltoid muscle as 3 separate 0.5 ml doses according to the following schedule:

First dose:..... at elected date
Second dose:..... 2 months after the first dose
Third dose: ..... 6 months after the first dose

HPV Vaccine is recommended by National Advisory Committee on Immunization, Canadian Immunization Committee, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada and the Canadian Pediatric Society.

Gardasil™, is designed to prevent HPV 6, 11, 16 & 18 related cervical cancer, cervical dysplasias, vulvar or vaginal dysplasias, or genital warts.

This clinical practice is approved. 

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