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RE: Ontario's Publicly Funded Meningococcal Immunization Program

Dear Health Care Providers,

This letter is to inform you of a change to the publicly funded meningococcal immunization schedule and program in Ontario.

Manufacturers have advised that monovalent conjugate meningococcal serogroup C vaccines (Men-C-C) will no longer be available in Canada. Therefore, Ontario will transition to using quadrivalent conjugate meningococcal serogroups A, C, Y, and W vaccines (Men-C-ACYW) for the routine childhood immunization program. While the program change will provide broader protection against additional serogroups (A, Y and W), the program change is driven by a discontinuation of Men-C-C vaccines and is not specifically related to changes in provincial meningococcal disease epidemiology.

Once Men-C-C inventory is depleted, Men-C-ACYW should be used for all routine 12-month doses, including catch-up. Children who received a dose of Men-C-C at ≥ 12 months of age do not require revaccination with Men-C-ACYW solely because of this program change. Individuals will remain eligible for the routine dose of Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7, as per the existing publicly funded program.

Health care providers are encouraged to refer to the accompanying Questions and Answers (Q&A) document for information related to the product transition.

Routine Immunization Schedule

Under the updated publicly funded program, two doses of Men-C-ACYW are recommended, one dose administered at:

- 12 months of age; and
- in Grade 7

Note: Individuals born on or after 1997, who have not previously received a publicly funded dose of Men-C-ACYW are eligible to receive one dose, regardless of previous receipt of Men-C-C vaccine.

Vaccine Inventory and Use During Transition

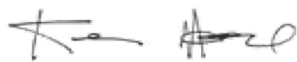
Providers play a critical role in ensuring program integrity and supply management (e.g., preventing wastage). Therefore, during the transition period you should be using existing Men-C-C inventory as intended before transitioning to the use of Men-C-ACYW for routine 12-month immunization. During the transition period, public health units may continue to distribute Men-C-C vaccines to providers until supply is depleted. Health care providers should:

- Continue to administer Men-C-C vaccines in inventory (Menjugate Liquid or NeisVac-C) until product expiry.
- Transition to the use of Men-C-ACYW for those 12 months of age, or as required for catch up, once their Men-C-C inventory is depleted.
- Not discard usable Men-C-C vaccines prior to expiry.

Please contact your local public health unit with any questions related to this transition.

Thank you for your continued work in protecting Ontarians from vaccine preventable diseases.

Sincerely,



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