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The seventh edition of the *Canadian Immunization Guide* was developed by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), with the support of the Immunization and Respiratory Infections Division, Public Health Agency of Canada, to provide updated information and recommendations on the use of vaccines in Canada. The Public Health Agency of Canada conducted a survey in 2004, which confirmed that the *Canadian Immunization Guide* is a very useful and reliable resource of information on immunization.

The seventh edition of the *Guide* will also be available on the NACI Web site at www.naci.gc.ca. New or updated recommendations from NACI are published in the Canada Communicable Disease Report (CCDR) and are also available on the NACI Web site.

If you have suggestions or comments on the *Guide* please send them to us at NACI@phac-aspc.gc.ca.

To promote health and protect Canadians from vaccine-preventable disease, I encourage parents, guardians, and adults to maintain their children's immunizations up to date and all adults to be immunized according to NACI recommendations.

Producing such a publication was possible through the dedication and voluntary time commitment on the part of those involved. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members, liaison members, and ex-officio members of NACI for completing this very important resource. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their invaluable contribution and continued commitment in providing ongoing advice and recommendations on vaccine use in Canada.

Dr. David Butler-Jones, MD
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Preface

The seventh edition of the *Canadian Immunization Guide* contains numerous changes from the 2002 version. Every chapter has been thoroughly reviewed and updated as required, taking into consideration the input received from the user survey conducted in 2004.

Three new chapters have been added: *Principles of Combination Vaccines*, *Principles of Vaccine Interchangeability*, and *Immunization of Persons New to Canada*.

Some key changes from the 2002 *Canadian Immunization Guide* are:

- ◆ Each disease-specific vaccine chapter is prefaced with a notation about major changes.
- ◆ The *Vaccine Safety* chapter replaces the *Adverse Events* chapter and includes more information.
- ◆ The *Vaccine Administration Practices* chapter replaces the *Immunization Techniques* chapter and incorporates more detail.
- ◆ The *Communicating Effectively About Immunization* chapter replaces *Talking with Patients About Immunization*, focusing on the principles of risk communication.
- ◆ The *Benefits of Vaccines* chapter replaces the *Cost Benefit* chapter and covers the benefits of vaccines to health.
- ◆ The *General Considerations* chapter includes a table listing all vaccines approved for use in Canada, based on product availability as of May 2006.
- ◆ The *Immunization of Patients in Health Care Institutions* chapter incorporates the recommendations for acute-care and long-term care institutions.
- ◆ The *Immunization for Adults* chapter has been expanded to include recommendations for health care workers and specific risk situations.
- ◆ The chapter on *Immunization of Persons with Neurologic Disorders* has been expanded with recommendations related to adults.
- ◆ The recommendations for travellers are integrated into one chapter.
- ◆ The *Lyme Disease Vaccine* chapter was discarded, since there is currently no vaccine available against this disease in Canada.

In an effort to keep the *Guide* user friendly, we developed a standard template to present the information in the Active Immunizing Agents sections with a summary of key changes since the publication of the previous edition. We

also used different colors for each part of the *Guide* and included a condensed version of the Table of Contents on the back cover for easier reference. Look for a new and improved on-line version available in HTML format with direct links to updates in each section of the *Guide*.

As we publish this seventh edition of the *Guide* some information is already outdated, which reflects the rapidly expanding environment in the immunization field. This continues to be a challenge for the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) as more new vaccines are approved for use, new vaccine combinations are developed, the data to be analyzed become more complex, and additional data are available on the immunogenicity and efficacy of vaccines. Updates and new recommendations are published in the Canada Communicable Disease Report and are available at the NACI Web site at www.naci.gc.ca.

As the Chair of the Committee, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the expert contributions of my member, liaison, and ex-officio representative colleagues on the Committee and the support from the Immunization and Respiratory Infections Division, Public Health Agency of Canada. It has been an honor and privilege to work with such a committed group of professionals on an activity that results in guidelines that are so widely incorporated into practice in Canada.

On behalf of the Committee, I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Dr. Monique Landry and the *Groupe sur l'acte vaccinal du Québec* for the final editing of the Guide's French version.

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Preamble

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) provides the Public Health Agency of Canada with ongoing and timely medical, scientific, and public health advice relating to immunization. The Public Health Agency of Canada acknowledges that the advice and recommendations set out in this *Guide* are based upon the best current available scientific knowledge and is disseminating this document for information purposes. People administering the vaccine should also be aware of the contents of the relevant package insert(s) or product monograph(s). Recommendations for use and other information set out herein may differ from that set out in the product monograph(s) of the Canadian manufacturer(s) of the vaccine(s). Manufacturer(s) have sought approval of the vaccine(s) and provided evidence as to its safety and efficacy only when it is used in accordance with the product monographs. NACI members and liaison members conduct themselves within the context of the Public Health Agency of Canada's Policy on Conflict of Interest, including yearly declaration of potential conflict of interest.

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