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SUBJECT: Guidance for Vaccinating Children during the 2012 Pentacel[®] and Daptacel[®] Shortage

Sanofi Pasteur's Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib) and Daptacel (DTaP) are expected to be in short supply throughout the summer of 2012. Practices using these vaccines may need to find alternatives during the shortage.

Providers should continue to follow the recommended immunization schedule and ensure that patients receive all recommended doses of DTaP, Hib, and polio vaccines.

Options include:

- Using DTaP, IPV, and Hib vaccines to complete a series begun with Pentacel. There is a sufficient supply of these products to meet the anticipated demand.
- Other combination vaccines containing DTaP and Hib vaccines may also be used to complete the series.

Considerations when changing vaccine products:

- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends using the same brand of vaccine for all doses of a vaccination series, when feasible. If providers do not know or do not have available the brand of vaccine previously administered, another brand may be used.
- With the exception of Hiberix, which is licensed only for use as the last dose (booster) in the Hib series, Hib vaccines are interchangeable. If different brands of a vaccine require different numbers of doses, use the higher number when mixing brands. The Hib vaccine component in Pentacel is licensed as a four-dose series.

Additional vaccine information and sample schedules using single component and combination vaccines for children who have already received one, two, or three doses of Pentacel are available on the <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>.

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Sample Schedules for Using DTaP, Hib, and IPV Vaccines When Vaccinating Children during the 2012 Pentacel Shortage

The following are sample schedules for completing a series using DTaP, Hib, and IPV vaccines for children previously vaccinated with Pentacel (DTaP/IPV-Hib).

- When assessing for needed vaccines, ensure that minimum intervals between doses and the minimum age have been met for each.

1 prior dose of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	DTaP	DTaP		DTaP*	DTaP
	Hib	Hib	Hib		
	IPV	IPV			IPV

2 prior doses of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	Pentacel	DTaP		DTaP*	DTaP
		Hib	Hib		
		IPV			IPV

3 prior doses of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	Pentacel	Pentacel		DTaP*	DTaP
			Hib		
			IPV		

*The 4th dose of DTaP can be given as early as 12 months of age, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the 3rd dose.

Vaccine	Use for
DTaP	Any dose in the series for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
Hib (ActHIB, PedvaxHIB)	Any dose in the series for children 6 weeks through 4 years of age
Hib (Hiberix)	The last (booster) dose in the Hib series for children 12 months* through 4 years of age
IPV	Any dose in the polio series for persons 6 weeks of age and older
DTaP/IPV (Kinrix)	Dose 5 of DTaP and dose 4 of IPV for children 4 through 6 years of age. Do not use for doses 1 through 3 of DTaP and IPV or dose 4 of DTaP

*Off label Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendation

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Sample Schedule for Using Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) and Hib Vaccines When Vaccinating Children During the 2012 Pentacel® Shortage

The following are sample schedules for completing a series using Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) and Hib vaccines for children previously vaccinated with Pentacel (DTaP/IPV-Hib).

- When using combination vaccines, ensure that minimum intervals between doses and the minimum age have been met for each of the component vaccines.

1 prior dose of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
HepB	HepB		Pediarix	Pediarix*		DTaP**	DTaP
		Pentacel					

2 prior doses of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
HepB	HepB		Pentacel	Pentacel	Pediarix	DTaP**	DTaP
		Hib					

3 prior doses of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
HepB	HepB		Pentacel	Pentacel	Pentacel	DTaP**	DTaP
		Hib					

*Administration of a 4th dose of HepB vaccine is permissible when a combination vaccine containing HepB is given after the birth dose.

** The 4th dose of DTaP can be given as early as 12 months of age, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the 3rd dose. Off label Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendation.

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Vaccine	Use for
DTaP	Any dose in the 5-dose series for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
DTaP/IPV/HepB (Pediarix)	Doses 1, 2, and 3 of DTaP and IPV; any dose of HepB for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
HepB	Any dose in the HepB series for children at birth and older
Hib (ActHIB, PedvaxHIB)	Any dose in the Hib series for children 6 weeks through 4 years of age
Hib (Hiberix)	The last (booster) dose in the Hib series for children 12 months* through 4 years of age
IPV	Any dose in the polio series for persons 6 weeks of age and older
DTaP/IPV (Kinrix)	Dose 5 of DTaP and dose 4 of IPV for children 4 through 6 years of age Do not use for doses 1 through 3 of DTaP and IPV or dose 4 of DTaP

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Inquiries may be directed to the Immunization Program at 504-838-5300. The Immunization Program appreciates your part in making this memo available to your staff. This Memorandum should be maintained for future reference.