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**TO: DDG: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS/ CHIEF DIRECTORS/ DIRECTORS/ HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS
HEAD OF HEALTH: CITY OF CAPE TOWN
N.B. FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL MEDICAL, PARAMEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL &
NURSING PERSONNEL**

**CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL EXPANDED PROGRAMME ON IMMUNISATION (EPI) CHILDHOOD
IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 2024**

The National Department of Health (NDoH), via the Expanded Program on Immunisation (EPI) directorate, has advised of changes to the EPI childhood immunisation schedule, effective January 2024 (refer attached schedule). The key changes include:

- Pneumococcal conjugated vaccine (PCV) changes from 13 to 10 serotypes.
Product awarded – **PCV10 Cipla®**, supplied as a single dose vial.
- Measles Vaccine changes to the Measles-Rubella Vaccine.
Product awarded – **Measles Rubella Cipla®**, supplied as a 10 dose multidose vial.
- Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) vaccine changes to Tetanus, reduced diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.
Product awarded – **Adacel®**, supplied as a single dose injection.

Healthcare practitioners and vaccinators are advised to use up all existing stock of the current PCV13, Measles, and Td vaccines to avoid wastage and/or expiry of stock before switching to the newly awarded vaccines. Facilities are to continue ordering these vaccines on current ICNs from the Cape Medical Depot (CMD). Once stock is depleted, the new vaccines will be available and can be procured using the ICNs listed below.

Facilities will be kept informed via the weekly CMD Newsflash regarding supply of the new vaccines.

Product Description	ICN	DDV ICN*
Pneumococcal Vaccine; Polyvalent, Conjugated; PCV-10	3201783	4201783
Vaccine: Measles; Rubella 0.5ml/Dose	3203220	4203220
Tetanus Toxoid, diphtheria & acellular pertussis vaccine	3201333	4201322

*Central Karoo and Garden Route District only.

Thank you for your co-operation to manage this change.

Sincerely,



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