

NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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The following clinical practice has been approved for use in the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services system, and has been distributed to:

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Title: Hepatitis B Prenatal & Newborn Flow Chart

Effective Date: October 15, 2011

Statement of approved Clinical Practice:

The Chief Public Health Officer and the NWT Immunization Committee recommend the implementation of the attached Hepatitis B Prenatal & Newborn Flow Chart as a standard of practice throughout the NWT to ensure all high-risk newborns are given Hepatitis B post exposure prophylaxis as soon as possible after birth to prevent them from contracting Hepatitis B.

Hepatitis B is a reportable disease in the NWT.

- All positive prenatal Hepatitis B reports are sent to the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO) from the laboratory.
- The OCPHO always ensures that the attending/physician/nurse is aware of the positive Hepatitis B report and all standards are met to protect the newborn from contracting Hepatitis B.
- The OCPHO will periodically audit the Hepatitis Post Exposure Prophylaxis Program to ensure clinical practice standards are being followed.

This Hepatitis B Prenatal & Newborn Flow Chart contains the approved clinical practice standard for the NWT, and supersedes all previous Hepatitis B Prenatal prophylaxis standards.

Please Note: The Hepatitis B antibody reference range provided on the laboratory report may differ based on the method and instrumentation used in each facility

Attachment: Hepatitis B Prenatal and Newborn Flow Chart

This clinical practice is approved.



October 5, 2011

(Signature)

Date

Assistant Deputy Minister

Chief Public Health Officer

Director, Child & Family Services

Director, Adoptions

HEPATITIS B PRENATAL & NEWBORN FLOW CHART

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