



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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hospitals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Health Centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homecare	<input type="checkbox"/>	LTC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacists
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doctor's Offices		Social Services Offices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Health Units		Please list other(s):		

The information contained in this document is a Departmental:

Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Standard		Protocol		Procedure		Clinical Practice Guideline
Title: NWT Mandatory Education Program on Immunization Competency-Amendment								
Effective Date: September 2019								
CPI# 152 supersedes CPI # 125								
Statement of approved clinical practice:								
The NWT Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) sets territorial standards relating to immunization competencies.								
All health care professionals who will be administering vaccines in the NWT must be licensed to practice in the NWT and must be competent to administer vaccines according to national competencies as set out by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).								
To ensure PHAC immunization competencies have been obtained prior to the administration of vaccines in the NWT, in addition to following their employer's policies and procedures, the CPHO requires that health professionals complete and pass a recognized education program on immunization competency.								
The education program approved by the CPHO is the Canadian Pediatric Society (CPS) Education Program on Immunization Competencies (EPIC) . Information regarding access to registration for the newly released 3 rd edition can be found on the HSS Health Professional site: https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/content/epic . Equivalencies may be considered on a case by case basis when alternative programs meet the requisite PHAC Immunization Competencies (http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/ic-ci/index-eng.php) and NWT Clinical Standards (https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/tools/policies-and-guidelines-standards-and-manuals).								
An electronic copy of this notice is available on the Department of Health and Social Services health professional's website at: http://www.professionals.hss.gov.nt.ca/document-categories/clinical-practice-information-notices .								

This clinical practice is approved.  Date: September 9, 2019

Minister

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