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## IMPORTANT NEWS

### Proposed Changes to Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule

Dear Doctor

This letter provides advance notice of plans to introduce important changes to the Primary Childhood immunisation programme which will start in 2008. The proposed changes were recently recommended by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee and are as follows

- The addition of pneumococcal vaccine
- The addition of Hepatitis B vaccine (as part of a 6 in 1 vaccine)
- Changes to the timing of Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) vaccine
- Changes to the timing of Meningococcal C vaccine.

Age	Immunisations	Comment
Birth	BCG	1 injection
2 months	DTaP/Hib/IPV/Hep B (6 in 1) + PCV	2 injections
4 months	DTaP/Hib/IPV/Hep B (6 in 1) + Men C	2 injections
6 months	DTaP/Hib/IPV/Hep B (6 in 1) + PCV + Men C	3 injections
12 months	MMR + PCV	2 injections
13 months	Men C + Hib	1- 2 injections

BCG	Bacille Calmette Guerin vaccine	IPV	Inactivated Polio Virus vaccine
DTaP	Diphtheria; Tetanus; and acellular Pertussis vaccine	PCV	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
Hep B	Hepatitis B vaccine	Men C	Meningococcal C vaccine
Hib	Haemophilus Influenzae B vaccine	MMR	Measles Mumps Rubella vaccine

Detailed planning to implement these changes has now commenced involving all key stakeholders and recognising the pivotal role of the general practitioner. Further information will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

Yours sincerely

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