

**National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)  
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<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
<b>National Immunization Strategy Task Group (NISTG) – Improved National Structures and Processes for Making Immunization Recommendations (INSPIR)</b>	The Immunization Director, Danielle Poulin, advised members that the recommendations of the INSPIR report will be considered in the context of the NISTG recommendations anticipated on or before July 2013. However, the NISTG target date to implement outcomes of the INSPIR and NISTG strategy is unknown at this time. There are many strategies being considered - some that may affect the spectrum of factors that NACI will be expected to consider when making evidence-based recommendations.
<b>Influenza Literature Review, Draft Interim Statement &amp; Full Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 2012-13</b>	The NACI Influenza Working Group is actively working on a literature review of healthy children 24-59 months of age. The literature review will inform the 2012-13 statement with the inclusion of healthy children 24-59 months as recommended recipients of the seasonal influenza vaccine. The draft Interim Statement is in progress and the e-version is anticipated to be ready for distribution to stakeholders by February 17, 2012 to inform vaccine procurement and programs for 2012-13. The full statement is expected to be posted on the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) web site in the summer of 2012. A draft will be presented to NACI in May 2012.
<b>Meningococcal B Statement</b>	The NACI Meningococcal Working Group has met by teleconference. They have received presentations from PHAC and some provinces regarding epidemiology, as well as a presentation on a candidate vaccine. They are scheduled to meet several times this winter/spring to discuss and work on statement development. A literature review is planned.
<b>Canadian Immunization Guide (CIG): Meningococcal Chapter</b>	<p>The draft Meningococcal Chapter was reviewed. The key issues discussed were:</p> <p>1) Recommendations and schedules for high risk children and adults, including the need for booster vaccination; 2) Re-vaccination of contacts of cases; 3) Whether those with HIV should be included in the high risk group; and 4) Vaccination of infants.</p> <p>The Meningococcal chapter has been consistency checked and a chronic disease section has been included. The working group met on January 16, 2012 and the subsequent revised draft has been reviewed by the Working Group Chair. The NACI Meningococcal Working Group will make relevant revisions in the NACI Statement Update on Conjugate Quadrivalent Meningococcal Vaccines (already reviewed and approved by NACI) and will circulate these changes to NACI for final review upon Working Group approval.</p>
<b>Canadian Immunization Guide: Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) Chapter</b>	The draft BCG chapter was reviewed. A PHAC tuberculosis expert will review the chapter.

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<b>Canadian Immunization Guide: The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Chapter</b>	The draft HPV chapter was reviewed.
<b>CIG Progress and Update</b>	<p>The schedule for the remainder of the Part 4 Chapters was presented to NACI. Although ambitious, NACI agreed to the schedule due to the importance of these chapters to healthcare providers in Canada.</p> <p>In the meantime, work has begun on the Immunocompromised and Chronic Diseases Chapters in Part 3.</p> <p>A plan for completion of the guide will be presented at the NACI meeting in May 2012.</p>
<b>NACI Statement Products</b>	<p>The NACI Executive Secretary presented a proposal for NACI products which include: 1) Literature Reviews 2) Interim Statements; 3) NACI Statements; and 4) NACI Statement Updates. The products are intended to share NACI recommendations with stakeholders with differing needs in a timely and user friendly way. An in depth description of each product, timelines for release, and target audiences was presented. It was noted that the Canadian Immunization Guide will be maintained as an evergreen document by incorporating changes as they arise from these NACI products.</p> <p>There was a suggestion to ensure products are flexible enough to accommodate new indications for old vaccines as well as new vaccines.</p>
<b>Evidence-Based Recommendations</b>	<p>A subcommittee for Developing Evidence-based Vaccine Recommendations (DEVVR) has been formed to develop options for a common approach for developing evidence-based vaccine recommendations. This sub-committee is chaired by Dr. Ken Scott, Senior Medical Advisor to the Assistant Deputy Minister of The Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Branch, and includes membership from NACI and the Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel (CATMAT). The expected outcomes of this group are that: 1) Evidence-based immunization recommendations from PHAC's expert advisory committees on immunization should reflect the advances in evidence-based medicine and take into account any resource implications associated with these approaches, and 2) The subcommittee will develop and present options and recommendations for the revision of the processes to develop evidence-based immunization recommendations to be reviewed and discussed by NACI and CATMAT. It was confirmed that NACI and CATMAT will be kept informed of the progress of the subcommittee, and proposed changes to current processes will be discussed with the committees before any changes are made.</p>

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<b>Liaison Member Update</b>	<p><b>The Canadian Association for Immunization Research and Evaluation (CAIRE)</b> has held recent meetings in Ottawa relevant to NACI. At a two-day education session regarding education of vaccine providers, there was discussion as to how NACI statements could better serve end users. At a one-day meeting entitled “Smoothing the Path to New Vaccine Development”, various stakeholders including PHAC, the Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate (BGTD), provinces, CAIRE, and industry came together to identify how to improve collaboration and smooth the pathway for new vaccines. Summary reports of both meetings are being prepared. Finally, CAIRE will host a ‘Vaccine Science Day’ prior to the beginning of the Canadian Immunization Conference in December, highlighting Canadian vaccine research.</p> <p><b>Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS)</b> The HPV statement will be updated to include a recommendation for vaccination of boys. The FluMist and Influenza vaccine notes will be updated when the NACI statement is available.</p> <p><b>The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)</b> The CPHA annual meeting for 2012 is June 11-14 in Edmonton. There will be an environmental theme but there are immunization sessions in the program as well that may be of interest.</p> <p>In addition, the Immunization Competencies Education Program, sponsored by CPS, was held in Banff in early December 2011. This workshop teaches medical residents and other health professionals about immunization competencies, based on the PHAC document. It is a good way to develop young health professionals as ambassadors for immunization. CPS subsidized the program heavily this year, and it may not be able to continue without unrestricted educational grants from government or other sources.</p> <p><b>The Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel (CATMAT)</b> is currently working on revising the Evidence Based Medicine process and the Typhoid Statements (using a systematic review process based on GRADE). CATMAT continues to review Canadian Immunization Guide chapters related to travel as they are revised.</p> <p><b>The Canadian Immunization Committee (CIC)</b> is currently working on the Rotavirus, Herpes Zoster, 2-dose Varicella, and Human Papillomavirus statements. These may be the last statements developed by CIC</p>
<b>Wrap up and Future NACI Meetings</b>	<p>The next NACI meeting is scheduled for May 23-25, 2012.</p> <p>A teleconference focused on the influenza statement is scheduled for May 1, 2012 at 1 p.m. Eastern time.</p> <p>The fall NACI meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 3-4, 2012.</p>

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	<p>Additional meetings are scheduled for the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• February 6–7, 2013</li><li>• June TBC, 2013</li><li>• Oct TBC, 2013</li></ul>