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Dear Doctor,

**Incorporating Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine into
Childhood Immunisation Programme**

I am pleased to inform you that the Government has decided to incorporate pneumococcal conjugate vaccine into the Childhood Immunisation Programme (CIP) in Hong Kong. This is based on the recommendation made by the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD) of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). The Department of Health is working on the implementation details of the new initiative and will maintain communication with private doctors about its progress and new developments. It is expected that pneumococcal vaccination could be introduced into the CIP in the third quarter of 2009.

The SCVPD regularly reviews the latest scientific development in relation to vaccines and generate scientific recommendations. The potential benefit of pneumococcal vaccine has been examined in the past two years. Based on updated scientific evidence, the SCVPD considers the benefits of vaccinating all infants with pneumococcal conjugate vaccine outweigh the cost of the programme after taking account of the indirect protection to the unvaccinated adults and elderly through reduction of circulating bacteria in the community. You may wish to visit CHP website for the SCVPD recommendation "Use of Hepta-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine in the Childhood Immunisation Programme" (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/sas6.asp?lang=en&id=106&pid=110&ppid=101>).

The standard regimen includes a primary series consisting of three doses given at the age of 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months and a booster dose given at 12 to 15 months of age. The vaccine can be given simultaneously with DTaP-IPV, hepatitis B, and MMR vaccine, as indicated, at different injection sites.



Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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