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Dear Doctor,

Updated Vaccination Schedule for Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine
Under Childhood Immunisation Programme

I am pleased to inform you that the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD) of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has provided updated recommendations on the use of 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) under the Government's Childhood Immunisation Programme (CIP).

Starting from the 3rd quarter of 2009, PCV7 will be incorporated in CIP and the vaccination schedule as recommended by SCVPD will be adopted. Details of the recommendations are summarised as follows for your information-

Standard Regimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A standard 3-dose primary series at 2nd, 4th and 6th months of age with a booster at 12-15 months 	
Catch-up Schedule	<i>Children aged 6 months or below</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 3-dose primary series at any time with 4-8 weeks' interval between doses; a booster dose at 12-15 months or 2 months after the last dose whichever is later (i.e. 3+1).
	<i>Children aged between 7 months and less than 1 year</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 2-dose primary series with an interval of 4-8 weeks but not later than the age of 1 year; a booster dose at 12-15 months with an interval of at least 2 months after the last dose (i.e. 2+1) If the second dose of the primary series is not administered by the age



		of 1 year, a booster dose at 12-15 months with an interval of at least 2 months after the last dose (i.e. 1+1).
	<i>Children aged between 1 year and less than 2 years</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single dose

You may also wish to visit CHP website (www.chp.gov.hk) for the complete SCVPD's recommendations on the use of pneumococcal vaccines.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



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