

## **DTaP-IPV-Hib is replacing DTaP-IPV**

### **for catch-up primary series (children <7 years)**

***Update to York Region Health Care Professionals as of October 13, 2017***

York Region Public Health has been informed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) that effective immediately, DTaP-IPV-Hib (Pediace®) vaccine has permanently replaced DTaP-IPV (Quadracel® and Infanrix®-IPV) vaccines for 'catch-up' primary immunization series for children who are less than seven years of age.

#### **Background**

Since 2012, when Ontario changed the 4-6 year booster dose from DTaP-IPV to Tdap-IPV, the DTaP-IPV vaccine has remained in Ontario's "catch-up" schedule for children who are less than seven years of age and require a primary immunization series for diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, and polio, but do not require *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) immunization.

DTaP-IPV-Hib (Pediace®) vaccine is indicated for immunization for the prevention of tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and Hib in children less than seven years of age. Until now, Pediace® has been routinely publicly funded only for those up to 4 years of age. The Hib component of the vaccine is not routinely indicated and has not been publicly funded in Ontario for those 5 years of age and older.

#### **Why the change?**

Effective immediately, Quadracel® and Infanrix®-IPV vaccine is no longer available to order. These vaccines are no longer being marketed in Canada and stock in circulation in Ontario expired September 30, 2017.

The MOHLTC consulted with Public Health Ontario to determine that DTaP-IPV-Hib (Pediace®) vaccine is an appropriate replacement, despite the extra doses of Hib that may be administered beyond those recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. Any extra doses of Hib vaccine are not expected to cause harm or pose a risk to a child.

If you have any questions, contact York Region Public Health Vaccine Inventory by:

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