



Date: June 11, 2018

To: All Health Care Practitioners

Subject: Reports of leakage from syringes used for several GlaxoSmithKline Inc. vaccines

GlaxoSmithKline Inc. has reported leakage from syringes used for several GlaxoSmithKline Inc. vaccines during vaccine preparation or administration. Please refer to the Health Canada website for detailed information regarding the GSK vaccines and the potential risk of under-dosing (Health Canada Recalls- <http://healthy Canadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2018/66674a-eng.php>).

Please share this information with all immunizing health care providers who are using these products.

Key messages:

- If you observe any amount of leakage prior to administration, discard the vaccine and syringe and proceed to use a new dose of vaccine and syringe.
- When the leakage occurs during vaccine injection and the individual received less than the standard dose, the recipient may not develop a fully protective immune response. If there is leakage during administration, the dose is not considered valid. In this circumstance, the recipient can be re-immunized the same day or as soon as possible for inactivated vaccines. Recipients of live vaccines can be re-immunized the same day or 28 days after the non-valid dose.
- Please report any leakage observed to Central Serum Depot by completing a "vaccine supply problem report " (<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/CDC/HealthProfessionals/417-VaccineSupplyProblemReport.pdf>).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelley Landsburg".

Shelley Landsburg
Director of Disease Prevention and Control

