



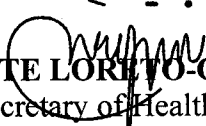
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FOR : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES;
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INCLUDING DOH - ARMM, SERVICE AND SPECIALTY
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SUBJECT : Immunization on Pentavalent (5 in 1) Vaccine for Infants and
Children with Incomplete/ Missed dose

One of the recommended vaccine for infants is the Pentavalent Vaccine (DPT-Heap B- HiB). It has been highly recommended for the infants below one 1 year of age following the DOH-EPI infants immunization schedule.

However, the Department of Health (DOH) has a zero (0) stock of Pentavalent vaccine since December 2013 because of the bid failure in procurement and this vaccine were delivered only in June 2014.

As such, there were infants that were injected with only the initial/first dose while others were not vaccinated at all. To provide a continuing immunity/ protection against these common childhood vaccine-preventable diseases such as Diphteria, Pertusis Tetanus, Hepatitis B infections and Meningitis caused by H.influenzae type B, we recommend vaccination based on the following strategies:

1. Routine Immunization Schedule for Infants shall continue as per Department Memorandum No. 2012-0244:

Age of Infants	Dose
1 ½ months old (6 weeks)	Penta 1 (Dose 1)
2 ½ months old (10 weeks)	Penta 2 (Dose 2)
3 ½ months old (14 weeks)	Penta 3 (Dose 3)

2. For infants less than one year old with only 1 or 2 doses: Give the remaining Penta dose/s to complete the 3 doses per child following the minimum 4 weeks interval from the last dose.
3. Children above 1 year and up to less than 2 years old with 0, 1 or 2 pentavalent dose/s only: Give the remaining Penta dose/s to complete the 3 doses per child following the minimum 4 weeks interval – from the last dose.

All Penta doses received by each child shall be recorded in the immunization card of the infant/ or in the Mother and Child Book (MCB) of the infant provided to the child's gurdian, and in the Target Client List (TCL) for the EPI as mentioned by the health facility. Also, number of children vaccinated per dose shall be reported to the next administration level following the in the existing FHSIS reports.

For your guidance and information.