

IMMUNISATION (Comment)**Important dosage error**

A serious error unfortunately crept into the advice given on the management of anaphylaxis in the monograph on immunisation in the early copies of the printed version of **NNF5** first issued in November 2006. While the advice given in all the previous editions was correct, a dose of 10 **mg/kg** rather than 10 **microgram/kg** of adrenaline was quoted in the paragraph headed Anaphylaxis on page 128 when the new edition was first issued.

The statement on line 1 saying give “a single 10 mg/kg dose of adrenaline deep IM” should, of course, have read give “a single 10 microgram/kg dose of adrenaline deep IM”, while the statement on line 8 saying “after administering the first 10 mg/kg dose IM” should have read “after administering the first 10 microgram/kg dose IM”. Fortunately, because the error was so gross, and a thousand fold overdose would be extremely difficult to administer, this very regrettable mistake is highly unlikely to have caused serious confusion.

Most copies of the print run were returned for an error slip to be inserted and all subsequent print runs of the present edition of the Formulary have had this error corrected. A correct version of the monograph on immunisation was also posted on this web site in May 2007 (an update that has also offered additional advice on how to protect babies less than a year old from measles in countries where this is still prevalent). Those who had purchased a copy of the first print run of the 5th edition are urged to amend what it says on page 128 without further delay, if they have not already done this. Those who have acquired a copy of the book more recently will see that there is nothing there that needs correction. The electronic PDA version of the text also gives the correct advice.

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