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IMPORTANT NEWS

Re: Rotavirus vaccine for babies whose mothers were on immunomodulators

Dear Doctor

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee has updated Chapter 3 “Immunisation of Immunocompromised Persons” in the Immunisation Guidelines <http://bit.ly/NIACCh3>

This contains a change to recommendations about rotavirus vaccine for babies whose mothers were on immunomodulators.

Rotavirus vaccine should be **deferred until 4 and 6 months of age** if immunosuppression is anticipated to be moderate or severe.

This may occur in mothers

- with severe rheumatoid arthritis or inflammatory bowel disease receiving biological disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (bDMARDs)
- who have received a renal transplant

If in doubt, consult the supervising specialist.

Please forward this information to all relevant staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kelleher', with a horizontal line underneath.

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