



## Control of Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib), and Hepatitis B –FIELD GUIDE

*Control of Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), and Hepatitis B: Field Guide* was designed by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to provide health professionals and field staff involved in the Expanded Program on Immunization

(EPI) with a quick reference tool for these five diseases and the vaccines used to prevent them. The guide summarizes clinical information on these diseases; outlines the public health strategies currently available to control and prevent them, including surveillance and vaccination; and examines the existing monovalent vaccines.

The field guide also includes a chapter on the use of combination vaccines, which supports one of PAHO's priority initiatives of introducing "new" vaccines into the EPI, as the use of these formulations is likely to become widespread in the Americas. Every effort has been made to ensure that this guide is accurate and up-to-date. Vaccination practices vary from country to country and over time, according to local priorities and needs. This guide provides a realistic picture of these diseases in the Americas, as well as some of the innovative strategies for controlling them that have been developed in the field.

This publication—one of a series of immunization guides that also address polio, rubella, measles, yellow fever, and neonatal tetanus is an essential tool for local and regional health workers, health promoters, physicians, nurses, and students in the field

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