



from **tOPV to bOPV**
THE SWITCH ON **25th APRIL 2016**
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Have you supported the SWITCH? Is your clinic tOPV free?

A very big thank you to all of you who have ensured that all tOPV vaccines have been safely discarded. Remember the **SWITCH** from trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine in India has taken place on 25th April 2016.

The World Health Organization is now undertaking an audit of all cold chain points and clinics to validate that there are no remaining vials left of tOPV. This will be validated by switch monitors in both public and private sectors. Thereafter, on the National Validation Day, i.e., 9th May 2016 the country will be declared tOPV free.

REMEMBER – we cannot slip up. Even one vial of tOPV that remains in the cold chain or clinic can jeopardize the SWITCH. It is the responsibility of all doctors to cooperate and ensure that no tOPV remains after 25th April 2016. In case you find that there are some vials remaining, then do not delay. Immediately remove the tOPV vials and place in a bag and mark as biowaste. Return this package to the District Health Officer/Chief Medical Officer for disposal.



Your role as a medical practitioner after the SWITCH

After the SWITCH

- **STOP using tOPV & START using bOPV.**
- If you have tOPV stock after the **SWITCH** date, ensure that you remove the tOPV stock from your clinic, put the tOPV stock in a package and mark it clearly as biowaste.
- Ensure that you return this excess tOPV stock to the District Health Officer/ Chief Medical Officer for disposal.
- Check that your clinic does not have any tOPV stock remaining.



IMPORTANT DATES

VALIDATION PHASE > 25th April - 9th May 2016

NATIONAL VALIDATION DAY > 9th May 2016

Remember, we are counting on you to make the SWITCH a success.

In case you would like more information about the SWITCH, contact your District Health Officer/Chief Medical Officer



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