Texas Children's Hospital Immunization Forecasting Software (TCH Forecaster) updates

The Texas Children's Hospital Immunization Forecaster is software is used in conjunction with the RPMS Immunization Software to provide immunization clinical decision support (aka forecasting) for patients. A history of the releases used in IHS, along with the details contained in each release, are included below. A complete list of all changes in all TCH versions can be found here: http://tchforecasttester.org/releaseNotes.html. This is a third party software that was not developed by IHS.

To update the TCH Forecaster with the latest version:

- **For Windows**: Stop and then start the Tomcat service. The latest version will be downloaded automatically.

- **For AIX**: The crontab will be updating the forecaster on a daily basis, so manual updates should not be necessary. But if they are considered necessary, this can be done by stopping and then starting the Tomcat process.

These instructions are included in the documentation for the TCH forecaster which can be found here:
http://www.ihs.gov/RPMS/PackageDocs/BI/TCH%20Forecaster%20Installation%20Instructions.pdf

TCH FORECASTER VERSION HISTORY

Version 3.11.10, released Sept. 2015

- Pneumo65 schedule: Changed recommended interval between PCV13 and PPSV23 from 6-12 months to 1 year

- Removed Menactra contraindication for simultaneous vaccination with PCV13

- Mening schedule: Added 4 day grace period to minimum age for booster dose

- Influenza schedule: Fixed the 2015-2016 influenza schedule, properly recognizes invalid doses when evaluating need for 2nd dose