

Citywide Immunization Registry, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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# Reporting of Immunizations for Patients 0-18 Years Now Required

The NYC Health Code has been amended to extend the age range for reporting of immunizations to the CIR.

- As of August 18, 2005, it is **REQUIRED** that all providers report all immunizations administered to children and adolescents from birth to < 19 years within 14 days.
- Immunizations administered to individuals age 19 and older may be reported with consent documented in the medical record.
- You may report immunizations for all patients under age 19 on the existing paper reporting forms. The forms must be sent to the CIR within 14 days.
- Facilities reporting electronically will need to modify their extract program to capture immunizations for all patients under age 19, and send the files to the CIR at least bi-weekly.

- You may also continue using the Online Registry to report immunizations for this expanded age group. As before, if a patient is not already in the CIR, complete a paper reporting form to establish the patient record before entering immunizations online.

For assistance, or to obtain a sample consent form for reporting adult immunizations, please call the CIR at (212) 676-2323.

## Influenza Recommendations

Influenza vaccine is recommended for ALL children 6-23 months and 2 years and older with a chronic illness such as asthma or diabetes. Visit [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) for more information.

| Age           | Dose             | Schedule  |
|---------------|------------------|---|
| 6 mo < 36 mo  | 0.25 ml/dose, IM | 2 doses a minimum of 4 weeks apart the first season the child receives a flu shot; 1 dose in each subsequent year |
| ≥36 mo < 9 yr | 0.50 ml/dose, IM | 1 dose in each subsequent year  |
| ≥9 yr         | 0.50 ml/dose, IM | 1 dose per flu season   |

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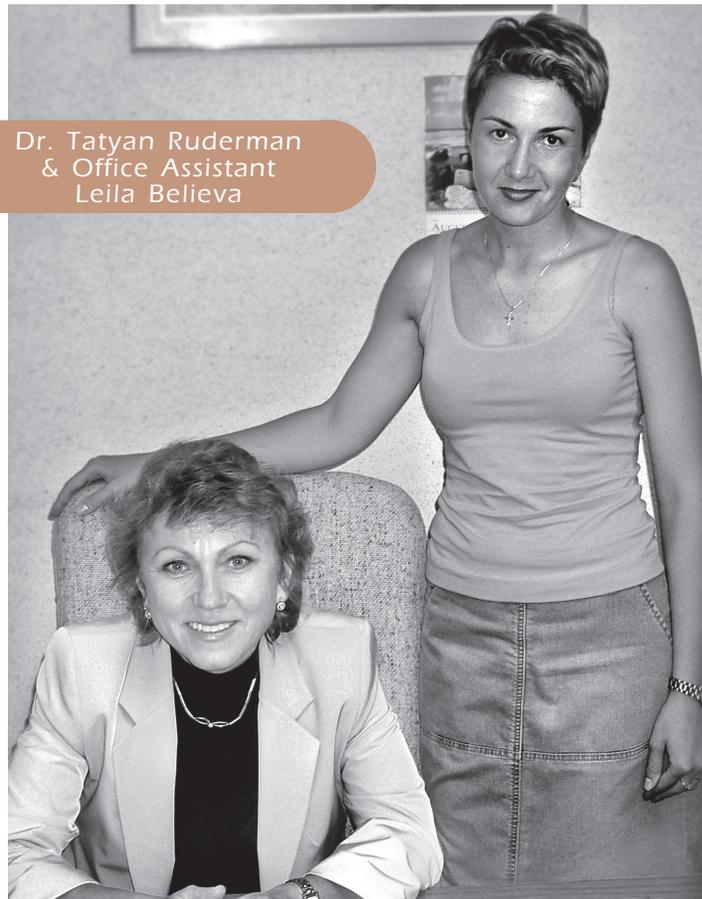
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## Quarterly Feature: Practice of the Quarter

### Dr. Tatyana Ruderman

Dr. Tatyana Ruderman  
& Office Assistant  
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Since it went live in June 2002, the Online Registry has proven to be an asset to pediatric health care providers. Dr. Tatyana Ruderman and her staff are an excellent example.

This practice makes sure that immunizations are reported within 14 days of administration, as required in the Health Code, by reporting online. When a parent (or guardian) comes in looking for an immunization record for school, day care, or camp admission, the staff just prints out the record from the Online Registry.

On average, Dr. Ruderman vaccinates 100 patients a week. Their staff inputs information about new shots directly into the Online Registry. If they can't find the patient in the Online Registry, they call the CIR and we search for the patient using a powerful search engine. If the patient is found, CIR staff gives Dr. Ruderman the patient's CIR number so they can pull up the patient's record in the Online Registry. If the patient is new to the CIR, Dr. Ruderman's staff reports immunizations for that patient on a paper form.

Dr. Ruderman says "we love the fact that we can enter information that was previously on paper forms into the Online Registry and that it is permanently stored in the CIR."

The CIR staff thanks Dr. Tatyana Ruderman and staff for their hard work and commends them for their dedication to their patients. They provide a great example of how the CIR can support pediatricians in the delivery of quality health care to New York City's children.

For more immunization information,  
visit [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health)

Look for "Immunization" in "Health Topics A-Z"

### Ordering VFC Vaccine

To order free (VFC) vaccine, private providers should now call (212) 447-8175 or fax orders to (212) 442-5194. Public providers should continue to call (212) 447-2553 or fax orders to (212) 447-2558.

## Let The CIR Help You Beat the School Rush

During this busy time, the CIR can help make your life easier. To obtain your patient's immunization record, look up your patient in our Online Registry and print out the record. Or, you can call our friendly staff at (212) 676-2323 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. They will fax you the record in minutes!

To gain access to our Online Registry, call us at (212) 676-2323 for a user ID and password.

Also, you can tell parents that they can get an official immunization record for their child directly from the CIR by filling out a simple form. They can call us to obtain the form, or download it from our website: [www.nyc.gov/health/cir](http://www.nyc.gov/health/cir)

**Our Mission:** To improve the immunization status of all NYC children by consolidating immunization information and sharing it with health care providers, families, and agencies concerned with children's health.