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

We help you call the shots!

New Vaccine Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recently announced:

● **Tdap** is recommended to replace Td as the booster dose for adolescents 11 and 12 years of age; Tdap should also be given to adolescents 13 through 18 who missed the 11 to 12 year Td dose.

There are two vaccines:

● **Boostrix® (GlaxoSmithKline)** is licensed for use in those 10-18 years of age;

● **ADACEL® (sanofi pasteur)** is licensed for use in persons 11-64 years of age.

● **Hepatitis A** is now recommended for all children between 1 and 2 years of age. This vaccine was integrated into the routine childhood immunization schedule that was published in January 2006 (see www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/child-schedule.htm).

Hepatitis A vaccine is a two-dose series with a minimum interval of 6 months between the doses.

Both **Havrix® (GlaxoSmithKline)** and **Vaqta® (Merck)** were approved earlier this year by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in children ages 12 months and above.

VFC Vaccine

VFC Doses Administered Reports (DARs) are required to order VFC vaccine. To improve vaccine accountability and to reduce the reporting burden of DARs, in 2006 the NYC DOHMH will transition to accepting only CIR generated DARs.

Beginning in September 2006, the amount of VFC vaccine shipped to you will be based on the number of VFC vaccine doses administered that you report to the CIR.

The CIR will work with providers to help you establish a routine for reporting all the vaccine doses you administer to patients ages 0 – 18, within the required 14 days, so that you will continue to receive the vaccines you need.

To order free (VFC) vaccine, providers may call (212) 447-8175 or fax orders to (212) 442-5194.

New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation facilities, including Child Health Clinics, may call (212) 447-2553 or fax orders to (212) 447-2558.

New Online Registry

A new version of the Online Registry was recently released. Users can continue using their current ID and password.

The new Online Registry enables you to:

- More easily report multiple immunizations administered in one visit,
- Indicate patient eligibility for VFC at the time immunizations are administered,
- Generate a VFC doses administered report (required to order VFC vaccine),
- Generate a 211 S (School Physical Exam Form) or WIC Medical Referral Form with immunizations recorded in the CIR already entered into the form.

In addition to these new features, you can still:

- View lead testing results, recommendations and guidelines,
- Print out official immunization records,
- View immunizations DUE NOW.

Call CIR at 212-676-2323 to set up online access.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/health and look under "Immunization" in "Health Topics A-Z"

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Quarterly Feature:

Practice of the Quarter

Dr. Félix E. Santiago and the Pediatrics Department of Gouverneur Healthcare Services

Dr. Félix E. Santiago and the Pediatrics Department of Gouverneur Healthcare Services have achieved among the highest immunization coverage rates in the city. Gouverneur reached 100% coverage of their two year olds for 4:3:1:3:3:1 at their last assessment by the Bureau of Immunization.

As a large ambulatory facility, immunizing about 200 patients a week, they also serve as an example of how the Online Registry can be an invaluable tool in helping to assure that patients receive all immunizations due at each visit.

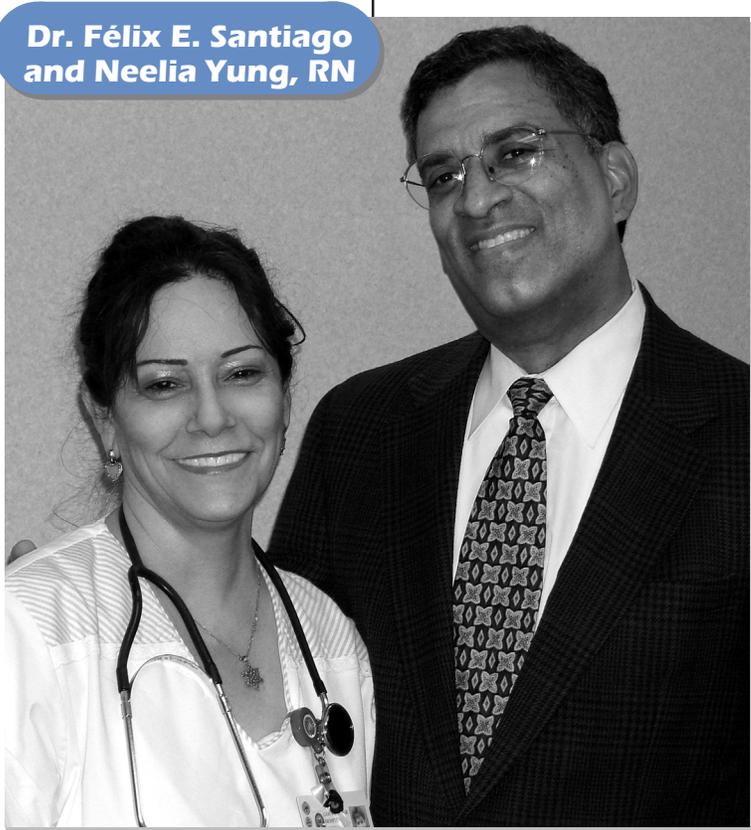
Dr. Santiago spearheaded the effort to incorporate the Online Registry into the day-to-day work of Gouverneur's pediatric department and satellite clinics. After an initial learning period, use of the Online Registry is now integrated into the daily workflow of Gouverneur's clinicians.

In preparation for seeing patients, nurses and doctors review charts, then print immunization records from the Online Registry along with the immunization recommendations. This alerts

providers to the immunizations due at the visit. Gouverneur clinicians enter historical immunizations in the Online Registry, if not already there, submit corrections to histories, if needed, and print out official immunization records and 2115 forms with immunization data already entered.

The Gouverneur clinicians view the Online Registry as a faster and better way of keeping their patients' immunization records current, complete, legible and readily accessible. Dr. Santiago states, "It is no longer necessary to decipher messy handwriting or poor copies of immunization cards".

Gouverneur clinicians know it takes extra time to add the historical immunizations online to complete the patient's record, but once it is done they know the record will always be there, throughout the patient's lifetime. Gouverneur' use of the Online Registry is a "best practice" that can be followed by pediatric facilities and offices throughout New York City. The Bureau of Immunization commends Dr. Santiago and the Gouverneur Pediatrics clinical staff for their commitment to quality patient care.



Dr. Félix E. Santiago and Neelia Yung, RN

Honor Roll

The Bureau of Immunization recognizes those practitioners who have achieved above 90% immunization coverage for two-year olds for the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series, and have improved their immunization coverage in the CIR. This quarter we honor:

Dr. Katherine Zeng, Flushing, Queens

It's Not Too Late to Give a Flu Shot!

Although October or November are thought of as the best months to give flu shots, flu vaccinations should be administered to patients continuing into December, January and beyond.

Flu season historically peaks in mid-February and outbreaks have been reported as late as May. Flu vaccine can be administered until the expiration date of the vaccine.

It's not too late to vaccinate!

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.