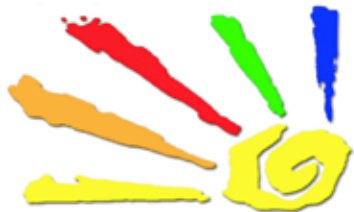


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A fine night for immunization awards

By Margy Wienbar

Co-chair, NMIC

On April 27, as part of National Infant Immunization Week, the New Mexico Immunization Coalition and its partners honored health care practices and immunization champions from across the state at the Fourth Annual Immunization Provider Awards Dinner. The awards were presented as part of an evening that included dinner and a best practices panel. The panelists were Sandra Segotta from Raton Family Practice, Dr. Stephen Otero from White Mountain Medical, Deborah Green of Presbyterian San Mateo, and Laura Grubb of Young Children's Health Center. They outlined their successful efforts in increasing and maintaining immunization rates for the children in their practices.

Then it was awards time! Thirty-one practices received awards for having immunization rate at or above 90% as assessed by the New Mexico Department of Health's CASA survey. Several practices were recognized for their second or third awards. In addition, five practices received awards for most improved immunization rates. See page two for the listing of this year's awards winners.

Secretary of Health, Michelle Lujan Grisham presented the awards and congratulated each of the practices for helping protect the state's children.



Award winners from Region III

Immunization champion awards were presented to three individuals and one provider group for their exemplary individual efforts in the field of childhood immunizations, also on page two.

Moderator and NMIC co-chair, Margy Wienbar, challenged each awardee to

find a practice in their community to help with improving immunization practices and help them become awardees next year. Thanks to Anna Pentler and Maggie June for making this another successful provider awards event!

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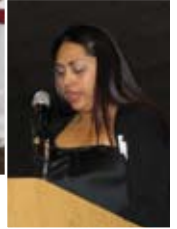
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NM Influenza Vaccine Consortium
NM Human Services Department
NM Hospital and Health Systems
NM Medical Review Association
NM Medical Society/CPI
NM Nurses Association
NM Pediatric Society
NM Pharmaceutical Association
NM Primary Care Association
NM Public Health Association
NM School Nurses Association
NM State Department of Education
NM State PTA
Presbyterian Health Services
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Santa Fe Immunization Coalition
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Wyeth Vaccines

Photo gallery

NMIC's Fourth Annual Provider Awards Dinner held on April 27 at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North

Clockwise from top: PMS Checkerboard Area staff, Laura Grubb, John Hartoon with Michelle Lujan Grisham and Ray Stewart, Dr. Francisco Miranda and daughter, Candelaria Garcia with Michelle Lujan Grisham, Deborah Green, Sandia Health Clinic staff, Sandra Segotta.



Award winners

Practices with rates greater than 90%

Region I

Cochiti Health Clinic
Crownpoint Health Center
Farmington Health Center, Family Practice
High Desert Family Medicine, Farmington
Jemez Health Clinic
Pitts Medical Group, Grants
San Juan Pediatrics, Farmington
Sandia Health Clinic, Sandia Pueblo
Santa Ana IHS Clinic, Bernalillo
Santo Domingo Health Center
Tohatchi Health Center
Zia Health Clinic, Zia Pueblo

Region III

Parveen Pediatric Care, Abq.
Presb. Kaseman Family Practice, Abq.
Presb. Northside Family Practice, Abq.
Presb. Medical Group, Atrisco, Abq.
Young Children's Health Center, Abq.

Region IV

DeBaca County Family Practice, Ft Sumner
Eunice Medical Clinic

Region V

Ben Archer Health Center, Hatch
First Step Pediatrics, Las Cruces
Family Medicine Center MMC, Las Cruces
Indian Wells Family Practice, Alamogordo
La Clinica de Familia, Las Cruces
Mescalero Hospital, Mescalero
Nuestro Futuro, Las Cruces
Rio Grande Medical Group, Deming
Rose Clinic, Capitan
Southern NM Medical Assoc., Ruidoso
Stefan Schaefer, MD, Las Cruces
White Mountain Medical, Ruidoso

Most improved rates by region

Region I Harold McFarling, DO,
Farmington

Region II Women's Health Svcs, Santa Fe

Region III Pres. Medical Grp, Atrisco, Abq.

Region IV Desert Medical Group, Hobbs

Region V Family Medical Center, MMC,
Las Cruces

Immunization champions

Sofia Eaton, PMS Checkerboard Area
Rose Anne Gallegos, Region V
John Hartoon, Region V
PMS Checkerboard Area

New quarterly events, "Shots on Time"

In an effort to improve toddler immunization rates, the New Mexico Primary Care Association, the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, and the Department of Health, are planning to hold quarterly immunization events across the state.

Similar to "Shots for Tots to Teens" events, the quarterly events will offer no appointment, no cost shots to children. Providers will be encouraged to participate on a Saturday or during extended evening hours. Part of the purpose of the clinics will be to sign up eligible children for Medicaid and to connect them to a medical home.

The focus will be primarily the youngest children, ages 2-36 months, but all children needing shots should receive them. The events will be held during the weeks of November 12-17, 2007; February 11-16, 2008; April 21-26, 2008; and August 4-9, 2008. The events will be promoted via radio and TV ads, and with posters for clinics, child care centers, schools and other public locations.

The fall event, "Shots on Time: Tiny Tots Need Their Shots" will be held November 12-17. The aim is to immunize children against influenza and to catch them up on any vaccines needed, targeting ages 6 mo. to 5 years.

The winter event, "Shots on Time: Catch Up on Flu", February 11-16, will focus on giving the 2nd flu dose for newly immunized children and on catch-up vaccines, targeting ages 6 mo.-18 yrs.

The spring event, "Shots on Time: National Infant Immunization Week" will be held April 21-26, 2008. The aim will be to immunize children 2-35 months and on catch-up vaccines.

The summer event, "Shots on Time: Shots for School" will be August 4-9, 2008 and will focus on getting children caught up on vaccines for school and pre-school, targeting children aged 6 months to 18 years.

The NMPCA and NMIC will coordinate registration for these events. The NurseAdvice-New Mexico hotline will provide a statewide toll-free number for parents to locate participating clinics. Registration materials will be available two months prior to each event. Contact us with your thoughts and suggestions at egoode@nmpca.org or apentler@unm.edu.

SHOT BRIEFS

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

Genital HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the U.S. In the United States each year, there are over 6 million new cases of HPV, 11,000 new cases of cervical cancer and 3,700 deaths from cervical cancer.

Gardasil, a recently approved vaccine, protects against HPV types 6, 11, 16 and 18. While there are over 40 types of HPV that infect mucosal surfaces, types 16 and 18 are responsible for 70% of cases of cervical cancer, and types 6 and 11 are responsible for 90% of genital warts.

HPV vaccine has been shown to be highly effective. Clinical trials show HPV to be effective, safe, and cause no serious side effects. The vaccine is given in a series of three injections given at 0, 2 and 6 months. The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is now stocking HPV vaccine (Gardasil).

- The NM VFC Program recommends that VFC providers immunize all girls 11 and 12 years of age with HPV vaccine.
- VFC providers may administer the vaccine to some girls 13-18 years old using their clinical judgment, for example: HPV vaccine being administered to a girl prior to sexual initiation.

- A decision to vaccinate girls age 13-18 should be based upon careful evaluation of sexual HPV exposure risks, the possibility of pre-existing HPV infection, and the potential for pregnancy.
- HPV vaccine should not be given during pregnancy.

The Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for the use of HPV vaccine are listed in the March 23 MMWR, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5602.pdf>

While the vaccine is not required for school entry at this time, pediatricians and family practice physicians should discuss the value of getting the HPV vaccine with female patients and their parents and encourage vaccination. The HPV series should be offered together with two other vaccines recommended for the 11-12 year old age group – the Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) and the Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap) booster.

The Governor recently signed legislation to require health insurance companies to cover the cost of the vaccine for females ages 9 to 14 years. Another bill, requiring the vaccine for 6th grade entry, was ultimately vetoed by the Governor in order for proper education about the vaccine to occur. It is vital that parents and providers have time to learn about HPV and to understand the value of the vaccine and its role in protecting against genital warts and cervical cancer.

Calendar of upcoming events

June

- 6/8 Advances in Primary Care conference, Marriott
- 6/21 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-4:30

July

- 7/19 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 7/28 Las Cruces immunization event, 9am-noon, FYI Office

August

- 8/7-14 Various Las Cruces immunization events, for locations and times, contact Debby Hanus 505-528-5104 or Maggie June, 505-272-3032
- 8/16 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 8/18 APS Back to School shot event, various locations
- 8/24 NMIC full coalition meeting 10:30 am

September

- 9/20 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-4:30



Megan Powell of Eunice Medical Center and Yolanda Sena of DeBaca County Family Practice at NMIC's Fourth Annual Provider Awards Dinner.

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