NMIC 2013 Provider Awards Dinner

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On Friday, May 3 the NMIC Provider Awards Dinner proved to be the biggest event yet! Eighty-nine providers were honored for having 90% or greater childhood immunization rates. Ten providers were recognized for their achievement in immunizing adolescents with Tdap, Meningococcal vaccine and HPV vaccine. Ten hospitals were recognized for their excellent rates for administering the birth dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine. Several providers and individuals were recognized for their support of NMSIIS. We honored four “Immunization Champions”: Jody Belding, a nurse consultant in the SE Region, Terri Von Wolff, the health/nutrition specialist with Doña Ana County Head Start, Michelle Woodruff, a public health nurse for Crownpoint Healthcare Facility, and the UNM College of Pharmacy Student Association. (See table on page 3 for the listing of award winners).

Over 220 attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner and a cameo appearance by Ricardo Roadrunner, our Immunization mascot. Amy Wilson, Chief Nurse for the New Mexico Department of Health, congratulated winners and bestowed their award.

Jamie Schanbaum and her mother, Patsy Schanbaum of The J.A.M.I.E. Group provided the keynote address for the evening delivering a powerful presentation about Jamie’s terrible experience with meningococcal disease. In 2008, as a college student, Jamie became ill with what she thought was the flu, and rapidly became very ill. At the hospital, the doctors recognized that it was likely meningitis and started her on antibiotics right away. Despite this, Jamie was hospitalized for months and ultimately needed to have both legs amputated below the knee and lost her fingers. Since recovering from meningococcal septicemia, Jamie has relearned to walk using prosthetic legs and is back at college completing her degree. Jamie and Patsy have become spokespersons and advocates for meningococcal vaccine and have worked tirelessly to effect change in college immunization requirements in Texas where they live.

Jamie is truly inspirational in using her horrific experience to educate others and advocate for vaccination.

Jamie’s story is beautifully captured in the video, “Facing Meningitis” from the Texas Children’s Hospital: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2-U1S74OH0
SHOT BRIEFS

Pertussis

New Mexico continues to experience a high level of pertussis cases. In 2012, over 870 cases were reported to the NM Department of Health—three times greater than 2011. In the first 4 months of 2013, over 100 cases have been reported.

In an attempt to curtail the epidemic, the Immunization Program at NM DOH has been providing doses of Tdap to adults and adolescents. These doses are being given through Public Health Offices and outreach clinics for those who may have been exposed to a pertussis case, pregnant women, people who have contact with infants and anyone who is concerned about getting pertussis. People who have health insurance are encouraged to get immunized through their health care provider.

Hepatitis A

Very recently a number of cases of Hepatitis A have been seen in 5 western states, including New Mexico. The cases have been linked to frozen berries sold through Costco. Since this outbreak is ongoing, NMIC is including a bit of information about Hepatitis A and the vaccine.

The signs and symptoms of Hepatitis A include the following:

- Fever
- Loss of energy
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea
- Abdominal discomfort
- Dark urine or clay-colored stools
- Vomiting
- Jaundice (skin and whites of the eyes turning yellow)

Hepatitis A infection is acquired primarily by the fecal-oral route by either person-to-person contact or ingestion of contaminated food or water.

The average incubation period for Hepatitis A is 28 days (range: 15–50 days). In children aged <6 years, 70% of infections are asymptomatic; if illness does occur, it is typically not accompanied by jaundice. Among older children and adults, infection is typically symptomatic, with jaundice occurring in >70% of patients. Adults who become infected with Hep A typically recover within 2 months, but can become very ill and require hospitalization. The case fatality rate for fulminant Hep A was about 0.3% in the pre-vaccine era. (information taken from “Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases”, 12th Edition, CDC)

Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for all children in New Mexico at 12 and 18 months. This recommendation has been in effect nationwide since 2005. The Hepatitis A vaccine requirement for one dose for children in preschool or daycare was instituted in 2008. Immunization rates for Hep A are about 40% by age 2 and between 80 and 90% by kindergarten.

Hepatitis A vaccine is given in two doses administered 6 months apart. Immunogenicity is high, with about 95% of people protected after the first dose and 100% after two doses. People with questions about the Hepatitis A outbreak or about getting vaccinated, should visit the NM Department of Health website and review the FAQs. http://nmhealth.org/CommunicationsOffice/hepaoutbreak.shtml
Practices with rates greater than 90%

**Northeast Region**
Altavista Youth Clinic, Las Vegas
Children’s Clinic:
- Los Alamos
- White Rock
Clayton Family Practice
El Centro Family Health, Española Española Hospital Multi Specialty Clinic, PMG
Family Practice Associates, Raton
Family Practice Associates of Taos Jicarilla Service Unit Nursing Program, Dulce
La Familia Medical Center, Santa Fe:
- Alto Street
- South Side
La Familia Primary Care, Raton
Las Clinicas del Norte, Abiquiu Meadow City Family Clinic, Las Vegas
Rodeo Family Medicine, Santa Fe
Santa Fe I.H.S. Hospital
Santa Rosa Medical Clinic
Unity Medical Clinic, Santa Fe

**Northwest Region**
Bloomfield Health Center
Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle I.H.S. Clinic, Bloomfield
San Juan Health Partners Pediatrics, Farmington
Tohatchi Health Center
Zuni Indian Hospital

**Metro Region**
ABQ Health Partners:
- Coors
- Juan Tabo
- Rio Bravo
- Rio Rancho
Drs. Luis De La Torre & Christopher Roveto, Albuquerque
Edgewood Pediatric Clinic
First Choice Community Healthcare:
- Alameda
- Belen
- Broadway
- Edgewood
- Los Lunas
- North Valley
- South Valley
Reginald Lord, MD, Albuquerque
McLeod Medical Center, Edgewood
Parveen’s Pediatric Care, Abq.
Pediatric Associates, Albuquerque
Pediatric Health Services, Abq.
Dr. Phil Pediatrics, Rio Rancho
Presbyterian Family Practice at Los Lunas
Presbyterian Kaseman Family Hlth.

Presbyterian Medical Group:
- Atrisco
- Isleta Pediatrics
- Northside Pediatrics
- Wyoming
Presbyterian Rio Rancho Pediatrics
Rio Abajo Family Practice, Los Lunas
Gwenn Robinson, MD, Albuquerque
San Felipe Health Clinic
University of New Mexico:
- Family Health Clinic, Academy
- Family & Internal Medicine Clinic
- Family Practice Center
- SE Heights Family Practice
- UNMH Pediatric Clinic
- Westside Family Health Center
- Young Children’s Health Center
Jurgen Upplegger, MD, Albuquerque

**Southwest Region**
American Medical Group, Hobbs
BCA Medical Associates, Artesia
Downtown Pediatrics, Carlsbad
Family Health Center of Lea County
La Casa de Buena Salud, Portales
Salvatore LaFata, MD, Clovis
Lea County Children’s Clinic, Hobbs
Memorial Family Practice, Artesia
Plains Regional Medical Group Pediatrics PMG, Clovis
Raney Pediatrics, Carlsbad
Quay County Family Health Center PMS, Tucumcari
White Mountain Medical, Ruidoso

**Achievement in adolescent immunizations**
ABQ Health Partners Gibson Pediatrics
American Medical Group, Hobbs
William Barkman, DO, Aztec
La Clinica de Familia, Chaparral
Mora Valley Community Health Service
Presbyterian Socorro General Medical Group
Sandoval County Public Health Office, Bernaflil
Santa Fe Pediatric Associates
Southeast Heights Public Health Office, Albuquerque
Southern New Mexico Medical Associates, Ruidoso

**Excellent administration rates, Hep B birth dose**
Carlsbad Medical Center
Eastern NM Medical Center, Roswell
Lea Regional Medical Center, Hobbs
Lincoln County Medical Center, Hobbs
Los Alamos Medical Center
Lovelace Regional Hospital, Roswell
Mimbres Memorial Hospital, Deming
Plains Regional Hospital, Clovis
Presbyterian Española Hospital
Socorro General Hospital

**Support of NMSIIS**
New Mexico Health Information Collaborative
The New Mexico Pharmacists Association
Walgreens Pharmacies
Senator Sue Befort
Representative Nick Salazar

**Immunization champions**
APhA-ASP/SSHP: UNM College of Pharmacy student organization
Jody Belding, RN, BSN
Terri Von Wolff
Michelle Woodruff, RN
Please give yourselves a big hand for the outstanding work being done around the state on immunizing New Mexico’s children! We honored 118 award winners for their dedication to vaccinating—our biggest Awards Dinner yet thanks to your hard work.

Photos clockwise from top right: Patsy Schanbaum, Anna Pentler, keynote speaker Jamie Schanbaum, Jane Cotner, Lance Chilton, MD, and Maggie June; Southeast Region award winners group photo; Melissa Acosta, Pam Wellborn and Sara Granger of American Medical Group in Hobbs; Shaleen Brown, San Juan Health Partners Pediatrics, Farmington; Angela Temple, Jurgen Upplegger, MD and Monique Fuller; Crystal Edkin of Española Hospital; Adela Yanez of La Clinica de Familia, Chaparral.
Dan Burke, Immunization Program Manager

Dan Burke has been in public health for over 20 years, with stints in health promotion, male involvement in family planning, primary care, violence prevention, and STD prevention and control. He is on a learning curve with the Immunization Program, but comes with solid experience in program management, good relationships within Public Health and providers in New Mexico and a can-do attitude towards taking a good program and making it better. He is a native of California but has lived in New Mexico for 25 years. He speaks Spanish, having lived in Mexico, has two children, 18 and 21 – plays music and is building a wooden boat. Dan is a strong believer in immunizations and is looking forward to meeting and working with the greater immunization community.

Carly Christian, Operations Manager

Carly Christian has been promoted to Operations Manager, which is responsible for the overall nuts and bolts functioning of the Immunization Program. Carly has many years of experience in the VFC Program and in-depth knowledge of immunizations, including internationally, nationally and locally.

Program updates

The Program is actively preparing for the new environment as a result of 2013 legislation which requires all vaccine providers in New Mexico to enter information into the statewide immunization registry, NMSIIS. We are working to train a large number of providers who in the past may not have entered shots into NMSIIS, such as pharmacies or other sites that vaccinate adults. At the same time, NMSIIS staff are busy “on-boarding” providers who are prepared to transmit data electronically rather than via manual data entry. These system changes will result in much more complete information about vaccine coverage in New Mexico.

“Community Immunity” marketing materials

NMIC now has printed materials for promoting immunizations. These marketing items are being offered as a way to promote “Community Immunity” in your area or Region. Please contact our office if you are interested in receiving in any of these. Help us spread Community Immunity!

Vaccines are not just for babies!

Are you up to date? Call your health care provider to find out!

For information about vaccines visit us at www.immunizenm.org

Not Vaccinated? No Kisses!

Get the adult whooping cough vaccine.

www.ImmunizeNM.org

4” x 6” magnets and vinyl clings (for refrigerators and windows) in English and Spanish

11” x 17” glossy poster

3.5” x 11” bumper stickers and vinyl clings (for refrigerators and windows)
2013 calendar of events

July
7/11  CPI Immunization Workgroup meeting, 2-4pm
7/18  NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

August “Immunization Awareness” month
8/3  Got Shots? Protect Tots! 8/3 thru 8/18
8/8  CPI Immunization Workgroup meeting, 2-4pm
8/16  NMIC Meeting, Abq. Marriott Pyramid, 10am

September
9/12  CPI Immunization Workgroup meeting, 2-4pm

October
10/10 CPI Immunization Workgroup meeting, 2-4pm
10/16 NMIC Meeting, Abq. Marriott Pyramid, 10am

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