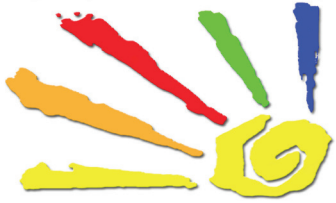


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## NMIC 2014 Provider Awards Dinner

**By Anna Pentler, MPH, MBA**

*Executive Director, NMIC*

The New Mexico Immunization Coalition held its 10th Awards ceremony in May. This year's event was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque and was a big success! We honored one hundred and one providers for having childhood immunization rates of 90% and above-- the largest number of award winners we have ever had! Big congratulations to all of the providers who are working so hard to protect New Mexico's children from vaccine-preventable diseases. In addition, NMIC honored fourteen providers for excellence in covering adolescent immunizations. These providers were selected based on their coverage rates for having meningococcal vaccine rates of 90% and above. Five New Mexico birthing hospitals were honored for having excellent rates for providing the birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine, over 90%.

We also honored 3 individuals and one group as "Immunization Champions" for New Mexico:

Nadine Sena, Medical Assistant from Pecos Valley Medical Center, Tina McNeese, NMSIIS training contractor, Dr. Bebe Han, pediatrician, and Presbyterian Medical Group

Pediatrics representing 8 clinics around New Mexico. See page 3 for the listing of this year's award winners.

Dr. Lance Chilton, one of New Mexico's preeminent immunization champions gave the keynote address, "Preaching to the Choir about Preaching (about Adolescent Immunizations)." For the past year, Dr. Chilton has been traveling around the state, helping to spread the word about the importance of completing all the vaccines in the adolescent platform. He has developed a "tool kit" with helpful ideas and resources for providers to use when talking about adolescent immunizations. During

his keynote presentation, Dr. Chilton polled the audience using "i-clickers" to get instant feedback on various topics. This technology was popular with the attendees and was a new way to engage audience participation with such a large crowd.

Over 200 people attended the evening and celebrated with a delicious dinner and the distribution of awards. Ricardo Roadrunner, our Immunization mascot, made an appearance early in the evening and gracefully posed for many photos. Cathy Rocke, Deputy Director for Programs with the New Mexico Department of Health, helped to congratulate winners and distribute

awards. NMIC is pleased to have the opportunity to recognize our state's excellent providers and immunization champions.



*Ruth Wheeler accepting an award from Cathy Rocke. White Mountain Medical of Ruidoso has been an award winner for ten years running*

## NMIC members

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Dan Burke, MPH

### Executive Director

Anna Pentler, MPH, MBA

### Participating Organizations

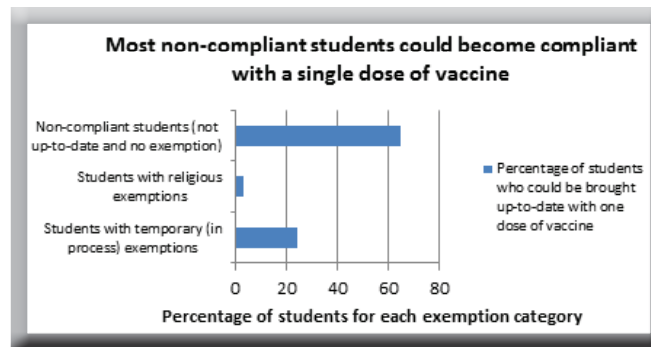
AARP  
Albuquerque Public Schools  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico  
Border Health Office/BEC/NMSU  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Doña Ana County Immunization Coalition  
GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines  
Indian Health Service  
La Clinica de Familia Medical Center  
Lovelace Health System  
Merck Vaccine Division  
Molina Healthcare  
NM Academy of Family Physicians  
NM Aging and Long-Term Services Dept.  
NM CYFD  
NM Department of Health  
NM Immunization Advisory Group  
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  
Passport Health NM  
Pfizer Inc.  
Presbyterian Health Services  
Rotary Clubs of New Mexico  
sanofi pasteur  
Santa Fe Immunization Coalition  
Sierra County Immunization Coalition  
University of New Mexico, Health Sciences Center  
Villa Therese Catholic Clinic  
Voices for Children

## 2013-14 New Mexico School Immunization Survey

By Cynthia Rawn, MPH

Quality Improvement Coordinator

Making sure that New Mexico students are up-to-date on immunizations and ready to learn is a collaborative effort. Every year, school nurses and providers across the state work hard to make sure students get their shots. And every year, New Mexico's Vaccine Advisory Committee reviews and updates New Mexico's school requirements.



Since 2007, the NM Department of Health has surveyed kindergartens and seventh grades to measure schools' immunization rates and compliance with school entry requirements. To be considered compliant, students need to be up-to-date for required immunizations, or have a valid exemption or "in-process" note in their file. The survey pinpoints where New Mexico's school populations might be most vulnerable to outbreaks.

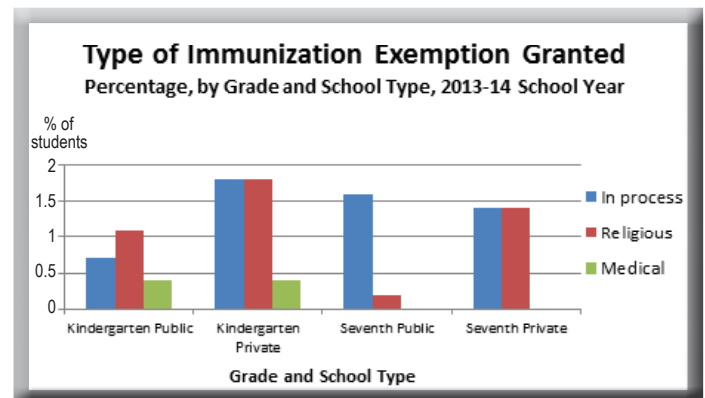
Compliance varies greatly by school and is higher in public schools than private schools: Over 90% of public school kindergarteners and seventh-graders were compliant, compared with 88% of private kindergarteners and only 78% of private seventh-graders. Though some

kindergartens had no non-compliant students, other private kindergartens had over 30% of their students non-compliant. These schools need better information or more motivation to become effective gatekeepers for state immunization requirements.

Students with exemptions make up less than a third of all students who are not up-to-date (NUTD) for required immunizations. Private schools have more religious exemptors than public schools.

These students with religious exemptions are likely to be missing multiple vaccines: 86% of them were exempt from all required immunizations. Conversely, most non-compliant students who don't have an exemption need only one vaccine dose to become up-to-date.

Non-compliant seventh-graders, for example, are often missing only a single dose of Tdap.



Linking non-compliant or "in-process" students to expanded services like Tdap clinics for seventh-graders could be an efficient strategy for raising statewide compliance. The School Kids Influenza Immunization Project (SKIIP) has been a pioneer nationwide for delivering flu vaccines: let's see if we in New Mexico can be a leader in making sure our school kids get other vaccines as well!

# 2014 NMIC Immunization Award Winners

## Practices with rates greater than 90%

### Northwest Region

William Barkman, DO, Aztec  
 Bloomfield Health Center  
 Cibola Family Health Center, Grants  
 Crownpoint Health Care Facility  
 Northern Navajo Medical Center,  
 Shiprock  
 Pine Hill Health Center  
 RMCHCS College Clinic, Gallup  
 Western NM Med. Group, Thoreau  
 Zuni Community Health Center

### Northeast Region

Arroyo Chamiso Pediatrics, Santa Fe  
 Children's Clinic:  
 ★ Los Alamos ★ White Rock  
 Dulce Health Ctr, Jicarilla Svc. Unit  
 El Centro Family Health:  
 ★ Bond, Española ★ Embudo  
 ★ Española ★ Peñasco  
 Family Practice Associates, Raton  
 Family Practice Associates of Taos  
 La Familia Primary Care, Raton  
 La Familia Medical Center, Santa Fe:  
 ★ Alto Street ★ South Side  
 Las Clinicas del Norte, Abiquiu  
 Meadow City Family Clinic,  
 Las Vegas  
 Pecos Valley Medical Center  
 Rio Arriba Hlth Commons, Española  
 Rodeo Family Medicine, Santa Fe  
 Santa Fe Pediatric Associates

Santa Rosa Medical Clinic  
 Springer Family Health Care  
 Dr. Tom Child & Adolescent  
 Medicine, Los Alamos

### Metro Region

ABQ Health Partners:  
 ★ Carlisle ★ Coors ★ Gibson  
 Pediatrics ★ Journal Center  
 Pediatrics ★ Juan Tabo  
 ★ Montgomery ★ Rio Bravo  
 ★ Rio Rancho  
 After Hours Pediatrics:  
 ★ Holly ★ Montgomery ★ West  
 Albuquerque Indian Hospital  
 Albuquerque Pediatric Associates  
 Scott Brown, MD, Albuquerque  
 Edgewood Pediatric Clinic  
 El Pueblo Health Services, Bernalillo  
 First Choice Community Healthcare:  
 ★ Alameda ★ Alamosa ★ Belen  
 ★ Broadway ★ Los Lunas  
 ★ North Valley ★ Southwest Valley  
 Isleta Indian Health Center  
 Jemez Health Clinic, Jemez Pueblo  
 Reginald Lord, MD, Albuquerque  
 McLeod Medical Center, Edgewood  
 Northside Family Medicine,  
 Albuquerque  
 Parveen's Pediatric Care, Albuquerque  
 Pediatric Associates, Albuquerque  
 Dr. Phil Pediatrics, Rio Rancho

Presbyterian Medical Group:

★ Atrisco ★ Belen ★ Isleta Pediatrics  
 ★ Los Lunas ★ Northside Pediatrics  
 ★ Rio Rancho Pediatrics  
 ★ San Mateo ★ Wyoming  
 Gwenn Robinson, MD, Albuquerque  
 Roland Sanchez, MD, Belen  
 Santa Ana IHS Clinic, Bernalillo  
 SW Medical Associates, Albuquerque:  
 ★ Irving ★ Pan American  
 University of New Mexico:  
 ★ Carrie Tingley Hospital Pediatric  
 Clinic ★ Family & Internal  
 Medicine ★ Westside Family  
 Health Clinic ★ Family Practice,  
 Tucker ★ Pediatric Clinic ★ SE Heights  
 Family Practice ★ SW Mesa Center  
 for Family & Community Health  
 ★ Young Children's Health Center  
 Jurgen Upplegger, MD, Albuquerque

### Southeast Region

BCA Medical Associates, Artesia  
 Cottonwood Pediatrics, Carlsbad  
 Lea County Children's Clinic, Hobbs  
 Memorial Family Practice, Artesia  
 Raney Pediatrics, Carlsbad  
 White Mountain Medical, Ruidoso

### Southwest Region

Ben Archer Health Center, Deming  
 Blue Skies Primary Care, Deming  
 Maria Crawley, MD, Las Cruces  
 First Step Pediatrics, Las Cruces  
 Full Bloom Pediatrics, Las Cruces  
 Hidalgo Medical Services, Lordsburg  
 Memorial Medical Center, Family  
 Medicine Clinic, Las Cruces  
 Mescalero PHS Hospital  
 Allen L. Paul, MD, Alamogordo  
 Pediatrics of Alamogordo  
 Silver Health Care, Deming

## Special category awards

### Excellence in Adolescent Immunization

Cottonwood Pediatrics, Carlsbad  
 Maria Crawley, MD Las Cruces  
 Crownpoint Health Care Facility  
 Full Bloom Pediatrics, Las Cruces  
 Hidalgo Medical Services, Animas  
 Isleta Indian Health Center  
 La Familia Primary Care, Raton  
 Mescalero PHS Hospital  
 Mora Valley Community Hlth Svcs  
 Pueblo of Sandia Hlth Ctr, Bernalillo  
 Santa Fe Pediatric Associates

St. Anthony Pediatrics, Anthony  
 Western NM Medical Grp, Thoreau  
 Zuni Community Health Center

### Hospital excellence in Hepatitis B birth dose

Cibola General Hospital, Grants  
 Memorial Medical Ctr, Las Cruces  
 Mountain View Regional Medical  
 Center, Las Cruces  
 RMCHCS, Gallup  
 San Juan Reg. Med Ctr, Farmington

### Immunization champions

★ L.-P. Bebe Han, PhD, MD  
 ★ Tina McNeese, CTT+  
 ★ Presbyterian Medical Group Pediatrics  
 ★ Nadine Sena, MA



# Photo gallery

120 award winners were honored for their excellence in vaccinating at the NMIC Provider Awards Dinner! The awards were presented by Cathy Rocke, Deputy Director of Programs, NMDOH Public Health Division. (Ms. Rocke is noted as CR in the photos below).



**Northern Navajo Medical Center, Shiprock**  
Larose Chiquito, CR, Yolanda Jenkins, Delinda Manyoats



**Crownpoint Healthcare Facility**  
CR, Rhodalynn Harrison, Lorraine Johnson



**Zuni Comprehensive Community Health Center**  
Erica Harker, Mona Owaleon-Lateyice, Rosita Chimoni, CR



**Dr. Tom Child and Adolescent Medicine, Los Alamos**  
Tom Csanadi, MD, and CR



**Immunization Champion**  
Eileen Frueh with Immunization Champion Nadine Sena and CR



**Pediatrics of Alamogordo**  
Kristin Huddleston, Kay McClune, CR



**Santa Rosa Medical Clinic**  
Yolanda Salas; Julie Gries, CR



**Lea County Children's Clinic, Hobbs**  
CR, Ali Sherif, MD, Megan Chavarria



# Immunization Program announcements

## Valery Henderson, VFC Program Manager

Valery Henderson has worked in public health, experiencing professional development with a variety of programs including, Children’s Medical Services, Health Promotion, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) along with local tribal organizations including Santo Domingo, ACL and San Felipe Pueblos. She is a committed advocate of breastfeeding, the very first immunization. Her daughter received one of the first HPV series vaccines offered in New Mexico, and her son has received all his recommended immunizations, too. Valery is excited to learn and expand her knowledge of the Vaccines for Children Program



Valery Henderson with her mascot skiing Taos Mountain

(VFC), while building strong relationships with VFC staff and providers. Valery enjoys many aspects of living in New Mexico, especially the culture, landscape, mountains, and winter skiing in Taos.

## Desiree Valdez, VFC Health Educator

Desiree Valdez is new to public health and immunizations and is excited to be of service as the Health Educator for the New Mexico VFC Program. Initially starting out in the Immunization Program as the Regional Immunization Health Educator for the Northeast Region in April of 2013, Desiree learned firsthand through community outreach events about the important role immunizations play in the overall health of our communities and how we are all responsible for educating the public about vaccines. When she isn’t hard at work assisting the state with conquering vaccine-preventable diseases or talking someone’s ear off about making sure they received their pertussis booster, you can usually

find Desiree slaying dragons, reading eldritch tomes of forbidden lore, and commanding armies of Amazons.

## NM VTrckS: New Online Vaccine Ordering system

NMDOH is implementing a new process for ordering and managing state-supplied vaccines. Beginning this summer, vaccine ordering will be done online, and providers will have the ability to submit orders, track order status, and manage inventory through an online, integrated state system. These new changes will cut down on staff time and resources, both at the clinic and the state level, while giving the convenience of managing and tracking orders more easily. The new online system will also help New Mexico cut down on paper and go greener! Assessment surveys, trainings and instructions will be offered in the coming months to assist providers with the online registration process and to begin ordering.

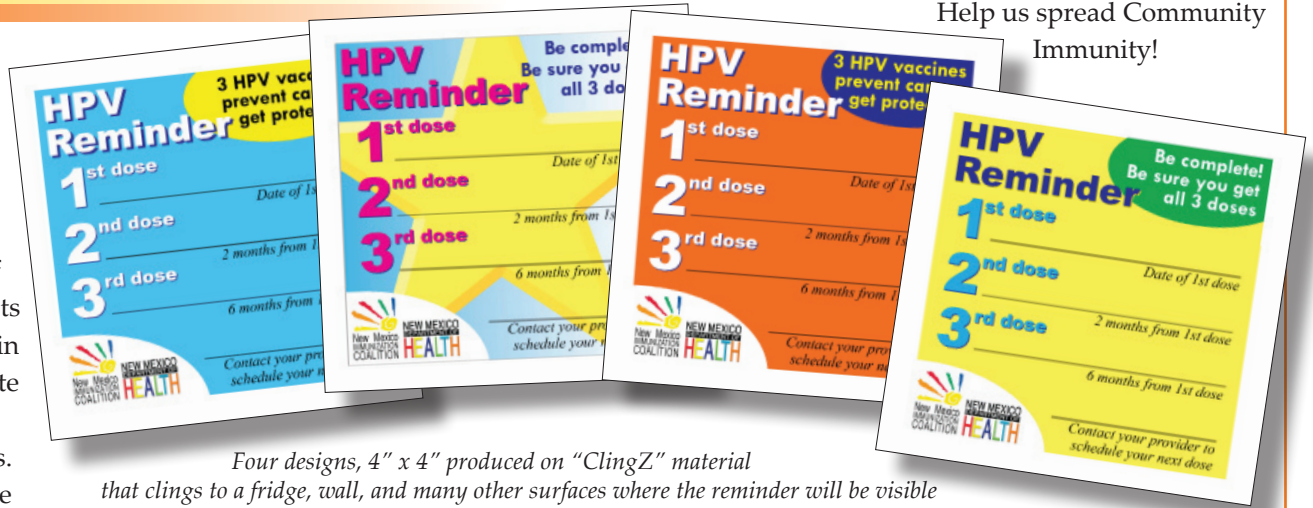
More information, including training schedules for providers, is on the state’s immunization web site, [www.immunizenm.org](http://www.immunizenm.org).

## New HPV Reminder Clings

NMIC has developed HPV Reminder “clings” for practices to give to their patients as a reminder of when the patients needs to return in order to complete the HPV series of 3 vaccinations. The clings can be

put on a refrigerator, window, and other surfaces. Write in the date when the first dose is administered and the next two dates when your patient will need to return for the other two doses.

Help us spread Community Immunity!



Four designs, 4” x 4” produced on “ClingZ” material that clings to a fridge, wall, and many other surfaces where the reminder will be visible

# 2014 calendar of events

## July

- 7/10 IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm
- 7/17 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

## August "Immunization Awareness" month

- 8/2 Got Shots? Protect Tots! 8/2 thru 8/16
- 8/14 IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm
- 8/15 NMIC Meeting, Abq. Marriott Pyramid, 10am

## September

- 9/11 IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm

## October

- 10/9 IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm
- 10/16 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

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# Got Shots? Protect Tots!

August 2 through August 16  
**2014**

Providers, join us to participate in "Got Shots? Protect Tots!" back-to-school immunization campaign. Visit the NMIC website to register or contact Maggie June at 505-272-3032, or [mjune@salud.unm.edu](mailto:mjune@salud.unm.edu)



*Doris Tinagero, Executive Director of Carrie Tingley Hospital, receiving an award from Cathy Rocke, Deputy Director of Programs at NM Department of Health*



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