



Immunization registries are confidential, computerized information systems that provide a single source of immunization records for children. Information is entered at birth through a linkage with electronic birth records or at first contact with the health care system.



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Ohio's Immunization Registry

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With the support and assistance of the Ohio Health Care Community, the Ohio Department of Health has developed a web-based application to link the state's immunization registry to your practice. Medical practices will be able to:

- provide a centralized place to track infant immunization histories.
- find new patient information quickly and efficiently.
- send immunization reminder/recall notices automatically.
- manage immunization inventories and instantly produce online reports for HEDIS, schools and parents.
- learn about new immunization protocols in a timely manner.

Benefits to our community

Immunization registries are essential in order to maintain current high immunization rates. High-risk areas of the community can be identified and action taken to prevent or contain disease outbreaks. With record-low disease, registry information is important for reminding parents of the importance of timely immunization.

Benefits to your medical practice

Through increased accuracy of immunization delivery, medical practices save time, money and administrative hassles. Fewer missed immunizations, reduced incidences of over-immunization, quick access to immunization histories, electronic vaccine inventory management and electronic reporting help practices achieve operational efficiencies.

Record Consolidation

- Combine immunization information from all providers into one record to provide a reliable immunization history — fewer calls to past providers.
- Electronically store all required immunization documentation, including VFC status and HEDIS information.
- Print standard reports for managed care, day-care centers, schools and camps including a blank annual physical form with printed immunization dates.

Reminder/Recall System

- Automatically send patient reminder notices for immunizations due or overdue — patient reminder notices are automatically sent to parents and paid for by the state.

Information Source

- Find information in an online bulletin board on product recalls, immunization news stories, patient education sheets, disease outbreak warnings and new immunization protocols.

Ensuring security/confidentiality of immunization and patient information

Security and privacy issues are top priorities. Patient information is protected from misuse and inappropriate access. Software security guards data. Confidentiality/privacy policies and agreements protect against unauthorized disclosure of immunization information.

Provider participation is important

The usefulness of registries is directly proportional to the level of participation by providers and patients. To be fully successful, all health care providers, both public and private, must actively participate.

How do I get started?

Contact the Registry Call Center :

866-349-0002

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FACTS

- One in five U.S. children receive at least one unnecessary dose of vaccine by the age of two, wasting \$26.5 million in vaccine costs each year.
- The average cost to manually retrieve, review and update a child's immunization record is \$14.40, more than three times that of an immunization registry.
- More than 22 percent of U.S. children have seen at least two health care providers in their first two years of life.

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