

What's the Buzz? MCIR REGION 3

Assisting Barry-Clinton-Eaton-Gratiot-Ingham-Montcalm Counties

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ADOLESCENT UPDATE

FALL 2013

It's that time of year again, when many pre-teens and teens will be flowing through your office for sports physicals and back-to-school immunizations. Make sure you utilize this opportunity of bring your adolescent patients up-to-date on all vaccines. Don't miss the chance to educate and administer not only the required vaccines but also the recommended vaccines.

All adolescents should have their immunization record evaluated for HPV, MCV4, Tdap, Hepatitis A & B, MMR, Polio, Varicella and Seasonal Influenza.

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) is a principal cause of cervical cancers. A CDC study of this vaccine has recently shown the prevalence of dangerous strains of HPV has dropped by over 50% in just the last decade.

About 12,000 cases of cervical cancer and 4,000 deaths a year in the U.S. have been reported. If the U.S. remains at the current level of vaccination, the vaccine would prevent 45,000 cases and about 14,000 deaths among girls that are currently 13 and younger over their lifetime, according to the CDC estimates.

Increasing your HPV vaccination rate to 80% could lead to preventing 53,000 cancers and nearly 17,000 deaths.



Region 3 MCIR wants to challenge your office staff to increase the percentage rate of adolescents vaccinated in your practice.

On August 1st, your Region 3 MCIR staff ran percentage rates of coverage for your practice on adolescents.

Rates of coverage for each practice will be posted every 2 months. At the end of April 2014, the final percentage rates will be run and the practice with the highest increase in vaccination rates for each of the six counties in Region 3 will be rewarded with an office staff prize. (Such as dessert bar, sundae bar, pizza party, or cappuccino bar.)

You can get more information including, posters and educational literature for your patients and their parents at:
www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines

***Congratulations to
the Spring Sites of
Excellence Awardees***

***The spring provider meet-
ings were held at Clinton,
Gratiot, Montcalm and
Ingham counties.
See the list of winners
below!***

Fowler Family Care Center
Clinton County Medical Center
Memorial-Elsie Family Practice
Alma Family Practice
Family Medical Care-Ithaca
Gratiot Family Practice
Allegiance Family Medicine-Leslie
Mason Family Practice Residency
McLaren Greater Lansing-Mt Hope Family
Medicine
MSU Child Health Care
MSU Pediatrics and Subspecialty Clinic
Sparrow Medical Group-Mason
Montcalm Area Health Center
SCH-Edmore
SCH-Sheridan Care

**Look for their pictures throughout this
newsletter!**

Influenza Update

Shared by Wendy Ridenour-Ingham County Health Department

- Influenza vaccination should begin as soon as flu vaccine is delivered
- Why?
 - Reducing missed opportunities
 - Many children need two doses
 - It takes two weeks for antibodies to develop
 - Flu seasons are unpredictable
- Waning Immunity
 - Protection from influenza vaccine is thought to last for a year
 - Antibodies decline in the months following vaccination, however, antibody level does not necessarily correlate with clinical vaccine effectiveness
 - There are no studies that compare vaccine effectiveness by month of vaccine administration
- For optimal protection throughout the flu season, the Michigan Department of Community Health recommends that providers begin to offer influenza vaccination as soon as vaccine becomes available (typically in August) and continue to vaccinate until the vaccine expires (typically June 30).

Reminder to all OB/GYN

Providers:

***If you're unable to locate your
patient in MCIR, search using
her first name and birthdate
only. Many of these patients are
in the system with their maiden
name. If you get a name change,
fill out the Petition For Modifi-
cation Form. The link to the
form is on your MCIR News
Screen.***

And the winner is...

Beverly Spoelstra of
Pennock Health! Bev an-
swered all of the Spring
Quiz questions correctly!

1. About ____ cases of cervical cancer
and ____ deaths a year in the U.S.
have been reported.
2. Your office should begin giving
influenza vaccines _____.
_____.
3. The influenza virus can be
shed _____.
4. If you get a name change, fill
out the _____.
The link to the form can be found
_____.

**Send your answers to:
afelton@mmdhd.org by
November 27th. For a
chance to win a \$25.00
gift certificate!**

REGION 3 MCIR

MCIR Updates: Did you know?

Additional up-to-date vaccine is available to your office, at the click of a button!

Be sure to check out the educational materials for pre-teens, teens, and their parents (including a new HPV fact sheet targeting parents of 11-12 year olds) at www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines.

Educational materials for school children of all ages are posted on the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/CatchUpImmunizations/>

The **Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR)** released new system functions and enhancements that will benefit MCIR users.

- ◆ **Multiple users can now view the same MCIR record** under the same facility MCIR site. Users logged in under different MCIR sites still cannot view the same record simultaneously. The record will need to be unlocked for the other user to view by clicking Unlock Person at the bottom of the screen.
- ◆ **Data transfer into MCIR** is no longer delayed for providers with an HL7 or EXT interface with their electronic health record (EHR) system. HL7 interface messages from provider EHR now transmit to MCIR in “real time” instead of after 9 pm. Updated MCIR records can now be printed immediately and transfer reports can be run anytime.
- ◆ **Ext interface EHR file downloads** into MCIR may now process earlier than after 5 pm. Transfer reports will generate after the download.
- ◆ **Email and cell phone fields** are added to the responsible party screen in MCIR records.
- ◆ There is now only **one Edit link next to Person Information on the General Information screen** to update the Responsible Party address/information.
- ◆ **Large reports will now run the same day** instead of being delayed until after 5 pm or overnight, such as AFIX, County and State Profile reports. They will be available later that day for retrieval depending on how many reports are processing in the queue. Smaller reports will continue to process immediately.
- ◆ **CSV file format** is now an option for Reminder/Recall data.
- ◆ **Varicella vaccines** from Vaccine for Children (VFC) orders **no longer have to be manually entered into the vaccine inventory module (VIM)**. Varicella vaccine orders will now upload into a provider VIM in their VFC vaccine shipment.



M C I R Sites of Excellence Awards go to: Lindsay Baczewski, Angie Cedillo, Carrie Brecker, Tracy Castillo, Penny Jackson, Earlene Oomen and Karin Shaull. Congratulations, ladies!

Strategies to Increase Flu Coverage

shared by: Lisa Mikesell, INE

- Recommend influenza vaccine to all your patients
 - Provider recommendation is a powerful motivator
- Utilize reminder & recall messages to schedule patients
- Ensure eligible children receive 2 doses of influenza
 - Create a system such as monthly MCIR recall for dose two
 - Create a file “reminder” that shows who needs dose 2
- Ensure obtaining flu vaccine is convenient
 - Have “vaccine only” visits and use standing orders

Healthcare Personnel & Influenza Vaccine

Health Care Personnel (HCP) often work while ill, exposing vulnerable patients and coworkers to influenza.

- HCP can spread influenza if infected
- Virus can be shed before symptoms develop
- HCP have caused outbreaks among patients in health care settings
- All office staff should be the 1st group vaccinated
- HCP who are “needle-phobic” should consider LAIV

“No More Excuses, You Need a Flu Vaccine” at www.michigan.gov/flu



**Sites of excellence
awardees: Sandy
McDonald, Nancy Vil-
laire, Stacy Fore &
Nancy Schrauben**

*Register now for the
Fall Immunization
Conferences at: [http://
register2013.mihealth.org](http://register2013.mihealth.org)*

October 15: Gaylord

October 17: Marquette

October 29: Kalamazoo

October 30: Gr. Rapids

November 1: E. Lansing

November 19: Bay City

November 21: Dearborn

November 22: Troy

2D Barcoding Pilot Scanning Sites Needed

Region 3 MCIR is searching for an office that would like to be a “Pilot Site” for the 2D Barcoding Project. Eligible sites are those that currently “HAND ENTER” their vaccines into the MCIR. The sites will agree to:

- * *scan ALL 2D barcoded vaccines*
 - including Public/VFC & Private vaccines received and/or purchased by your office administered in your office*
- * *scan from the time of Training until September 30, 2014*
- * *Scanners will become property of your office at completion of project.*

If you are interested contact Hazel at:

989- 227-3105 or email: hhall@mmdhd.org