3.06 Public Health:

Local Community Collaboratives Supporting Public Health

- Examples from North Carolina



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North Carolina Public Health Initiatives



- NC-PHIN
- NC-HAN

- NCEDD
- NCHESS

- NC PAIRS
- NCIR

NC-PHIN

 North Carolina Public Health Information Network

NC-HAN

North Carolina Health Alert Network

Characteristics of Projects

- All have evolved from earlier efforts
- All are statewide efforts
- All involve public and private sector
- All build toward a North Carolina "Local Health Information Infrastructure" and are positioned to connect into national PHIN and NHII efforts
- Expectation is for continued evolution and refinement

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Topics A-Z

Biological Agents Registry
Communicable Disease Control
DHHS Hurricane Information
Environmental Contaminants
Exposure to Chemicals

Fish Consumption Advisories

Harmful Algae

HIV/STD Prevention & Care

Indoor Air Quality

Medical Evaluation & Risk Assessment

Occupational Illnesses & Injuries

Ozone

Pfiesteria

Public Health Preparedness & Response

Tuberculosis

Veterinary Public Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC Health Topics



The Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

Ready North Carolina! Public Health Protecting You

Bioterrorism: Disaster's Newest Face

To the People of North Carolina

Ready North Carolina!

Public Health: On the Front Line of Preparedness and

Response

Public Health Helping You

Disaster Preparedness

Emergency Checklist

Important Contact Numbers

Know Your Local Health Department and Region

North Carolina and Homeland Security - The

Partnership

Protecting North Carolina's Food from "Farm to Fork"

Animal Emergencies (SART)

UNC and Center for Public Health Preparedness

Bio-Terrorismo: La Nuevo Cara del Desartre

A los Habitantes de Carolina del Norte

¡Listo Carolina del Norte!

La Salud Pública: Al Frente de la Preparación y

Respuesta 8 1

Como le Ayuda el Sistema de Salud Pública

Preparación para Desastres

Suministros basicos para emergencias

Números Telefónicos Importantes

Conoce Tu Region

Carolina del Norte y "Homeland Security" (Seguridad

Nacional)

NC-PHIN

Vision: Framework for the Future

- Automated electronic reporting of data
- Secure Internet pipeline for reporting information
- Consistent user interfaces
- Common data definitions
- Reusable software components
- Shared analysis and dissemination methods, e.g., outbreak detection algorithms
- Secure, HIPAA-compliant data warehouse
- Established set of technical standards acceptable and adopted by preparedness partners

NC-PHIN Components

- Health Alert Network NC-HAN
- Epi-X (secure interactive communications with CDC and other states)
- Enhanced Public Health Surveillance
 - Electronic Disease Reporting
 - Hospital Data (ICD-9, UB92 Admin. Data)
 - Syndromic Surveillance
 - Hospital Clinical Data
 - Poison Control Center
 - PreMIS
 - Aberrancy Detection
 - Medical Examiner Data

- **♦ Program Area Modules**
 - TB
 - Hepatitis
 - Meningitis
 - HIV/STD
 - Vaccine Preventable Diseases
- ♦ Immunization Registry
- Multi-Hazard Threat Database
 - GIS
- Electronic Laboratory Results (LRN)
- ♦ Vital Records Automation

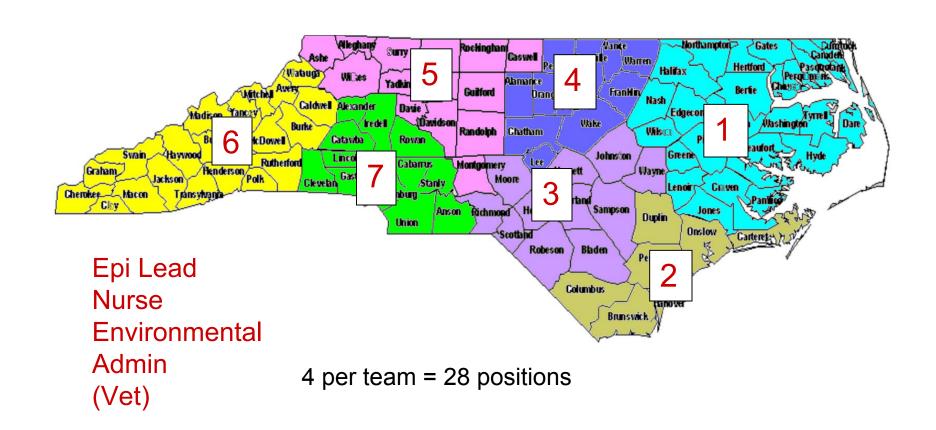
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NC-PHIN Surveillance

"Protecting our Citizens - Moving to the Next Level"

- What health events are we trying to "sense"?
 - Reportable diseases and conditions
 - Emerging infections and outbreaks (intentional or not)
 - Chemical (intentional or not)
 - Radiological (intentional or not)
 - Injuries
- What electronic data elements are needed to "sense"?
 - Diagnosis
 - Clinical symptoms/syndromes
 - Related non-medical information
- Where do these data elements exist?
- How do we get them into PHIN?

NC-PHIN Public Health Regional Surveillance Teams



North Carolina Health Alert Network - NC-HAN

- The NC-HAN is a secure, Web-based system
- Designed to automatically issue health alerts to key individuals in :
 - The NC Division of Public Health
 - Local Health Departments
 - Hospitals
 - Laboratories, and
 - Other partners
- ...in the event of bioterrorism or other public health emergency.

NC-HAN Design

- The first piece in the NC Public Health Information Network (PHIN), NC-HAN has met or exceeded all CDC requirements.
- NC-HAN was designed to provide maximum flexibility to allow for the addition of new user communities
- NC-HAN is designed to interface with the CDC National Electronic Disease Surveillance System protocols.
- Both the NC-HAN system and database architectures allow for expansion which reduces development time to include new groups and organizations.

NC-HAN Operation

- NC-HAN operates on a 24x7 schedule with complete system redundancy.
- NC-HAN users can issue an alert which automatically contacts subscribed users by email, FAX, pager, and voice until someone takes ownership of the event for resolution.
- Only an alert number is issued. No confidential patient or event information is transmitted.
- Only after the NC-HAN user logs into the secure system can they obtain more detailed information about the health alert and course of action.

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NC-HAN Users to Date

Total to 8/1/2004:	984
 NC Division of Public Health: 	78
 NC Dept. of Agriculture Users: 	27
• 131 NC Hospitals:	173
• 85 Health Departments:	692
 Law Enforcement: 	5
 Emergency Management: 	9

NC-HAN Alerts To Date

122 HAN Alerts

Categories have included:

Smallpox Influenza

Hepatitis A Triple Play BT Exercise

SARS Training

West Nile Virus Measles

NC-HAN Future Enhancements

- Public Health Directory
- Surveillance Links (NEDSS, LIMS)
- Data Feeds
- Expanded User Manual business rules for partner utilization

NCEDD

North Carolina Emergency
 Department Database

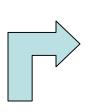
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 North Carolina Hospital Emergency Surveillance System

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Emergency Department Surveillance in North Carolina

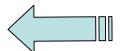
Analysis, Decision & Response





Standardization,
Analysis & Reporting





Data Collection



Background and Timeline

- 1998 Emergency Physicians form Standardizing Electronic Emergency Room Data (STEER) Work Group at NCHICA
- 1999 CDC funds 3-year project to adopt DEEDS standard and pilot collection and analysis of ED data – NC Emergency Department Database Project (NCEDD) formed and managed by UNC-CH Dept. of Emergency Medicine
- <u>2002</u> NC Division of Public Health (NC DPH) funds collection of data for public health BT surveillance purposes
- <u>2004</u> NC Legislature mandates collection of data from NC emergency rooms for public health surveillance purposes
- 2004 NC DPH contracts with NC Hospital Association (NCHA) to accelerate collection of data from all 112 EDs in NC effective January 1, 2005



Technical Overview

- Hospitals securely FTP select data elements from their information system(s) to NCEDD
- NCEDD standardizes and aggregates the data to CDC's Data Elements for Emergency Department Systems (DEEDS) standard
- Data quality checks performed to remove duplicates, check for out-of-range values and unacceptable levels of missing data
- Provide Web-based reporting access to the data



Status

- Currently receiving data from 24 hospitals
 - 4000 visit records per day on average (including both new and updated records)
 - Total Number of Visits: 928,266
 - Total Number of Patients: 498,408
 - Total Number of Final Diagnosis Codes: 2,654,323
 - Total Number of Cause of Injury Codes: 315,043



Data Elements

- Patient & Visit IDs
- DOB, Sex, Race
- City, County, State, 5-digit ZIP
- Arrival and Disposition Date/Time
- Chief Complaint and Triage
 Nurse Notes (when available)
- Triage Acuity Rating
- Transport Mode to ED
- Insurance Coverage
- Facility and Data Source

- ED Disposition
- Vital Signs (when available)
- ICD-9 Final Diagnosis and Injury (E) codes
- Procedure Codes



Data Users

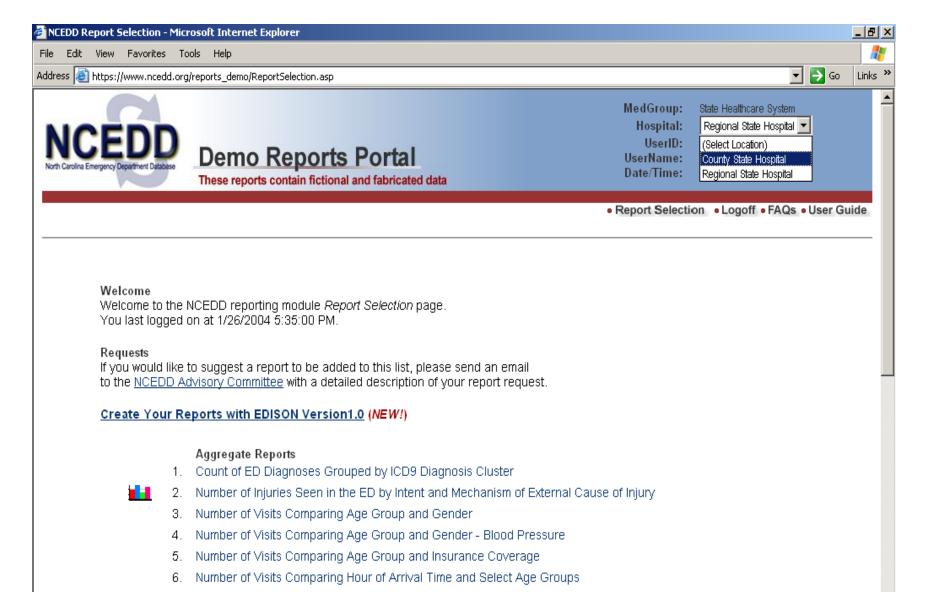
- Public Health Epidemiologists (PHEs)
 - In-hospital liaison to LHDs in NC's 12 largest hospitals
 - Perform in-hospital surveillance for communityacquired infections and for defined syndromes which may be indicative of a terrorist attack
- NC Division of Public Health Epidemiologists
 - Injury, Occupational Health, Cardiovascular Epidemiology, among others...
- Local Health Directors
- Authorized users at participating hospitals

Reports Portal Basics

- Data are accessible 24/7/365 from any Internet-ready computer using SSL
- Updates every morning
- Functionality offering report customization
- Strictly defined user access controls

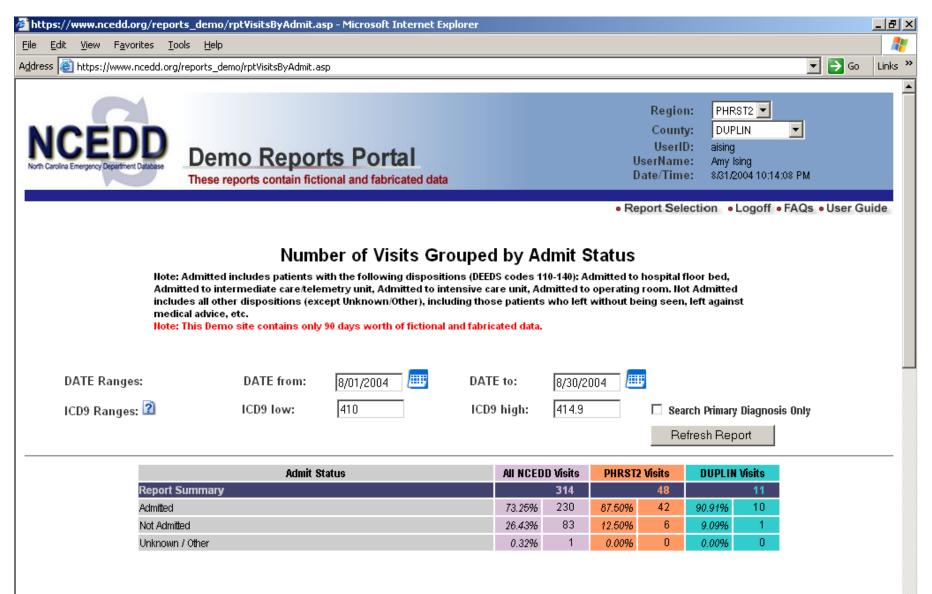
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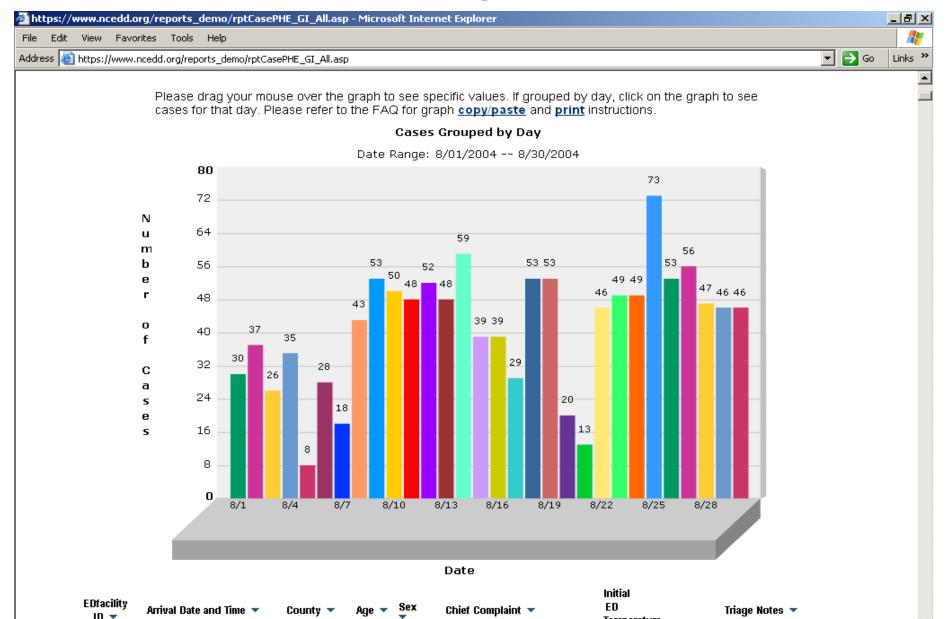
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Case Reports

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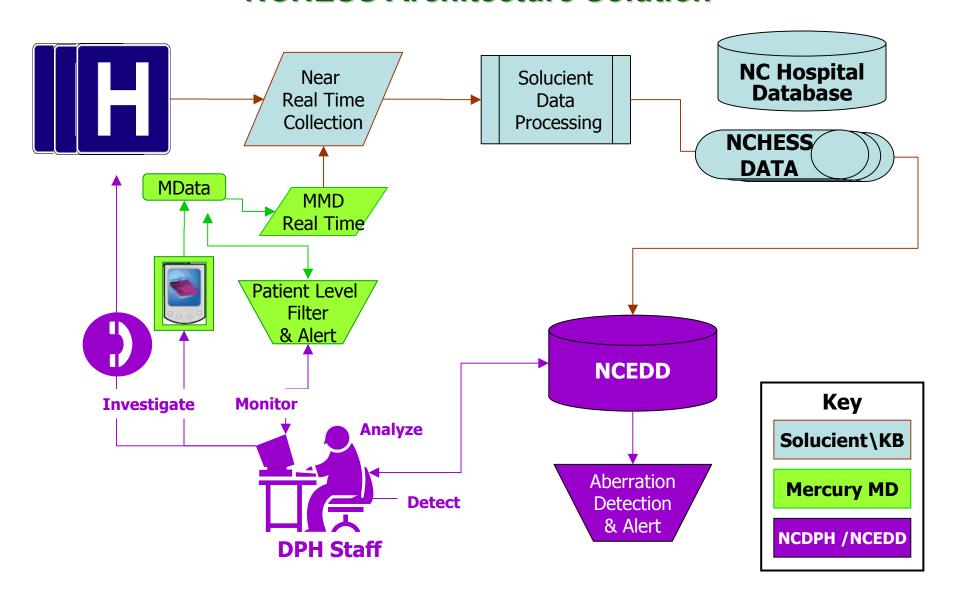
North Carolina Hospital Emergency Surveillance System (NCHESS)

NC Hospital Emergency Surveillance System (NCHESS)

- Partnership with NC Hospital Association
- Mandatory reporting law for hospitals with 24-hour emergency rooms
- Near real time data
- Monitoring
- Investigation
- Begins to come online in January 2005

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NCHESS Architecture Solution



NC PAIRS

 North Carolina Provider Access to Immunization Registry Securely

• NCIR

North Carolina Immunization Registry



Background and Timeline

- 1998 Work group formed to develop project demonstrating the secure use of the Internet to access clinical information.
 Children's immunization records were selected and NCHICA members volunteer to contribute to prototype development.
- 1999 Initial demonstration sites online
- <u>2000</u> Trial use of PKI technology not successful
- <u>2002</u> NC reviews fully-functional registry technology
- 2004 NC DPH awards contract for modification and implementation of WI system in NC beginning in late 2004

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NCHICA Pairs Project

PROVIDER ACCESS TO IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY SECURELY

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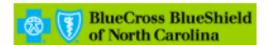












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Main Page

<u>Search For Patient</u> - <u>Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule</u>
Tutorial - Policy Guidelines - Help Desk- Main Page

Please choose one of the following options:

- Search For Patient
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Search for Patient

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LAST NAME*	FIRST NAME*	MIDDLE NAME
DATE OF BIRTH [MM/DD/YYYY]*	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [###-##-###]	MEDICAID NUMBER	
ZIP CODE		
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Users of the New Registry

The NCIR has been deemed to be exempt from the HIPAA Privacy Rule. North Carolina Law <u>requires</u> the sharing of immunization information with the following parties:

- NC Department of Health and Human Services
- Local Health Departments
- Physicians
- Schools K-12
- Colleges and Universities
- Licensed and registered childcare facilities
- Head Start
- Health Maintenance Organizations
- Other state and LHDs outside of NC

(NC public health law (N.C.G.S. 130A-153 c; 10A NCAC 41A .0406)

Features of New Registry

- Similar look and feel to PAiRS for users
- User-friendly, web-based system
- Helps to control vaccine-preventable diseases and identify at-risk populations
- Serves as a clinical tool to identify and track children to allow providers to maintain high immunization coverage
- Ability to view a patient's immunization history and automatically generate recommendations for current/future doses
- Ability to generate automatic reminder/recall notices.
- Easy inventory management and on-line ordering of statesupplied vaccine

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organization North Carolina DHHS • user Nancy Smith • role Typical User

home

change password

logout



Training Region 4.0

Immunization Registry

Clients

manage client enter new client

Immunizations

manage immunizations

Reports

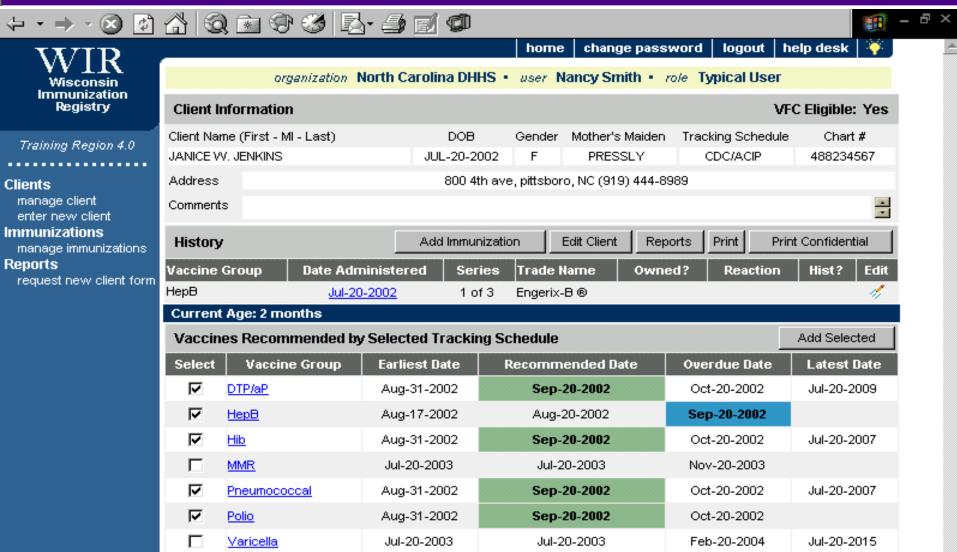
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Client Search Criteria	
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First Name janice	SSN
Mother's Maiden Last	Phone
Mother's First Name	Chart #
Birth Date 07/02/2002	

Possible Matches: 4

Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Chart #	Mother's Maiden First	Mother's Maiden Last	Gender	Telephone
<u>JENKEN</u>	JANICE	07/20/2002		JUDITH		F	
JENKINS	JANICE	07/02/2002				F	
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Benefits of the NC PAiRS Project

- Immediate and convenient access to records by public AND private providers – good will!
- Experience with the Internet, security methods, and Web access
- Expanded connections to private sector
- Prepared private sector for speedy implementation of new registry
- Secure Internet connectivity can lead to other PH applications such as automation of mandatory reporting, HAN alerts, etc.

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The N.C. Immunization Branch exists to promote public health through the identification and elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases like polio, hepatitis B, measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, rubella (German measles), and mumps. In 1994, North Carolina became a universal vaccine state, meaning it provides vaccines for all children from birth through 18 years of age. In 2001, the Branch incorporated an adult education component into the program to raise awareness of the agelessness of immunizations. According to national statistics, North Carolina is one of the top five states leading the nation in the percentage of 2-year-old children who have received all age-appropriate immunizations.

- Adults: Adult Immunization Schedule, Flu Info, Pneumonia Information, More...
- NCIR: Up-to-Date Progress, PAiRS, Parents' FAQs About Registries, More...
- News: Press Releases, Immunize for Healthy Lives!, Immunization Rates, More...
- Parents: Childhood Immunization Schedule, Adolescent Imm. Schedule, FAQs, More...
- Providers: Joining the UCVDP, Managing Vaccine Supply, Immunization Schedules, More...
- Child Cares/Schools/Colleges: Immunizations and Child Care, School Entry Requirements, Immunization Requirements for College, More...

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Thank you!

Questions???

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