

SHOT TALK

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SAMHD Names New VFC Coordinator

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) is pleased to announce that on June 6th, Ms. Kenya Wilson, MA was named the new SAMHD VFC Program Coordinator succeeding Mrs. Vivian Flores, who was promoted to SAMHD Immunization Program Manager last year. Ms. Wilson is no stranger to the division; she became the SAMHD Vaccines for Children QA/AFIX Program Supervisor in August of 2002.

Under her direction, the QA/AFIX program succeeded in ensuring kids 12-35 months of age were up to date with their required immunization series. As a result, during the 2008 calendar year, over 50% of VFC enrolled provider offices were successful in reaching and/or exceeding "Healthy People 2010" goals ahead of schedule. Ms. Wilson's many years with the QA/AFIX program have given her many unique insights that will serve as valuable tools in her new position.

On behalf of the Immunization Division, we would like to Congratulate Kenya Wilson on her promotion and wish her the best as she prepares to lead the SAMHD Vaccine for Children Program forward.



CDC Reinstates the 4-Dose Haemophilus Influenzae Type-b (Hib) Schedule

On July 1, 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in consultation with the Advisory Committee in Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommended reinstating the 4-dose Hib vaccine schedule to

again include the booster dose for children 12-15 months of age who have completed the primary 3-dose series (at 2, 4, & 6 mos). CDC predicts that supplies of the Hib vaccine products will be available to support this return. Older children for whom the booster dose was deferred should receive the booster dose at their next routine scheduled visit. Even though the vaccine manufacturers are able to support the 4-dose Hib schedule, the CDC, ACIP, and SAMHD are stressing that at this time, supplies will not be sufficient to support any type of active recall or catch-up effort for those children whom the booster was deferred.

SAMHD VFC Program is asking their enrolled providers to include the additional dose (4th dose) of their respective Hib-containing product in their next ordering cycle. Because allocations of the ActHIB products to SAMHD have been decreased, we are asking providers that are using the Pentacel™ product not to order the ActHIB™ product at this time. Current ActHIB™ supplies will not support this. According to ACIP recommendations, if Pentacel® is the only Hib-containing product available, it may be used as the booster doses even if the child has already received all the necessary doses of DTaP and IPV. For more information on the reinstated Hib schedule, and other questions about product usage, please consult the following CDC website: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5824a5.htm?s_cid=mm5824a15e

CDC has also produced a Q&A site for Providers at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/hib/faqs-return-to-booster-hcp.htm>

If you have any questions pertaining this information or have situations regarding scheduling and product usage, please contact Kenya Wilson (207-3974) or Anthony Johnson (207-4015) at the VFC Program.

Identifying the Non-VFC Provider to Recruit and Utilize the Local Immunization Registry

San Antonio's local registry has been in place for over 30 years, providing immunization information for Bexar County and surrounding areas. The San Antonio Immunization Division understands the VFC program may not be suitable for all healthcare providers when a majority of their patients are not VFC eligible. These providers have shown a willingness to report immunizations effectively after Texas passed House Bill 1921.

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Texas Law (HB1921) requires a provider to maintain certain documentation when immunizing a child and report vaccination to either the local registry or a state registry. By participating, providers have access to a larger repository to look up immunization records. In June 2007, the outreach component of SAIRS was tasked with identification and recruitment of these providers. Non-VFC providers have not traditionally been a targeted group for SAIRS enrollment. By understanding the need to increase participation and reach the "Healthy People 2010" goal of a 90% immunization registry. Utilizing the marketing techniques as reflected here, San Antonio has experienced successful efforts with over 84% of providers receiving educational materials, enrolled in the SAIRS program. For more information about the registry, please contact Maria Lozoria at (210) 207-2083.

SAMHD Meningococcal Clinical Trial Study

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) is conducting an investigational research study on a new Meningococcal vaccine. Meningococcal disease is a serious infection that can cause meningitis which can lead to inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. The most common causes of meningitis are viral infections that usually resolve without treatment. However, bacterial infections of the meninges are extremely serious illnesses, and may result in death or brain damage even if treated.

The objective of the study is to evaluate the safety and tolerability of an investigational meningococcal vaccine when administered with routine infant vaccinations to healthy infants beginning at 2 months through 15 months of age. This vaccine is not currently FDA approved, but it has been administered to over 12,000 subjects in previous studies. This study consists of 5 visits over a 16 month period of time. All study participants will receive services at no cost and will be compensated for their time and travel. For more information, please contact the SAMHD at (210) 207-3968 or (210) 207-3965.

New Vaccine and Immunization Education and Training Resource Available

The SAMHD Immunization Division now has a section on its website devoted to vaccine and immunization education and training resources that health care providers and partners will find most useful. It can be found in the *Vaccine and Immunization Education and Training* section of our homepage. **Take a look!** It is located at: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/health/immunizations.html>

QA/AFIX Visits Hot Shot Doc's Making the Grade

We are reaching the end of the summer season and the QA/AFIX team has been hard at work visiting "Hot Shot" offices. The heat is definitely on!! Since January 1, 2009 the QA/AFIX Team has been instrumental in working with VFC enrolled providers to ensure they are on track with "Healthy People 2010" goals. We have four months to achieve and maintain the goal of 90% coverage for universally recommended vaccines among young children 4 DTaP, 3 Hep B, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 IPV, 1 VAR, and 4 PCV. The VFC Program currently has 55 provider offices that have reached and/or exceeded the goal, while 6 are within to 10% of reaching the 2010 goal.

The QA/AFIX Team is always willing to assist you in arranging an appointment for a site review visit to benefit your facility. Site Review Visits provide valuable information to providers on their immunization rates. Each visit is designed to help identify possible barriers to immunization that may result in low vaccination coverage or missed opportunities for immunization. The primary role of the QA/AFIX Team is to assist providers in finding practical solutions to immunization related dilemmas within their facilities. Please feel free to contact Kenya Wilson, MA VFC Coordinator at (210) 207-3974 or Maria Torres, Health Program Specialist at (210) 207-3972 should you need additional information.

The members of the QA/AFIX Team would like to thank the following providers and their staff for participating in the QA/AFIX site review visit process during this past quarter:

South Alamo Medical Group-S.Alamo, Kubena Pediatrics Community Family Medicine, Kid-Doc Pediatrics, Viva Pediatrics-Barlite, South Central TX Primary Care, Christus Santa Rosa Family Practice-Babcock, CentroMed Walzem Clinic, Alamo City Medical Group-Schertz, South Alamo Medical Group-Tezel, Huebner Pediatrics, Caring for Kids Pediatrics, Westover Hills Family Practice, Dr. Leonel Tano, CentroMed-Palo Alto, UT of San Antonio Family Medicine, Pedi Docs, Dr. Migdalia Molina, Northeast Pediatric Associates-Stone Oak, UHS-FFACTS Clinic, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Medical Center, Pedi Place @ Westover Hills, Little Texans Pediatrics, First Steps Pediatrics, Meridian Medical Group, La Altura Pediatrics, San Antonio Family Medical Clinic, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Southwest, ABCD Pediatrics-Schertz, Somerset ISD-Student Health Center, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Downtown,



Dr. Roberto J. Ruiz, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Southeast, Dr. Nora I Valdes, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Stone Oak, Dr. David Ochoa, Children First Pediatrics. Family Doctor's Office-Guadalupe, Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Clinic, Southwest Clinic, Dr. Gloria Abraham-Cox, Dr. Elizabeth Brickman, Texas Adolescent Treatment Center, Night & Day Pediatrics, CentroMed Southside Clinic, Through the Years Pediatrics, Dr. Keisha Loftin, Reshme Medical Clinic, Southeast Baptist Hospital, UT Medicine Center for Community Health, Valley Clinic, Helotes Pediatrics, Pinkston Family Practice #2, Stone Oak Pediatrics, Dr. Ostrower, Health Texas Medical Group-Leon Valley, Dr. Do-SW Military, Meridian Care Center, Little Spurs Pediatric Urgent Care, Dr. Galarneau-Perrin Beitel, Dr. Tenorio, Kellum Medical Group-Adkins, Leon Springs Pediatrics, University Family Health Center S.W., Dr. Francisco Montemayor, San Antonio A thru Z Pediatrics, Kellum Medical Clinic-Nogalitos, Southtown Clinic, Live Oak Pediatrics, Dr. Joseph h. Luna, Pediatric Associates Clock Tower, Pediatric Medicine, ABCD Pediatrics-Stone Oak, Dr. Do-New Braunfels, Universal City Family Practice, University Center for Community Health, CentroMed Children's Shelter, South San Antonio Medical Associates, Child Care Associates, Dr. Najah Al-Shalchi, All Star Pediatrics, University Family Health Center-North, Hector Garza Residential Treatment Center, Bandera Family Healthcare, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-San Saba, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-S.W. Military, Northwest Pediatric Associates, Family Clinics of San Antonio, Dr. Mary K. George, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Main, Garcia Medical Group, South Alamo Pediatric Clinic, CentroMed-La Paloma Clinic, Blanco Road Medical Clinic, Alamo Heights Pediatrics, Dr. Adelaida Tabet, Christus Santa Rosa Pediatric Mobile Unit, and CentroMed Residential Treatment Center.

Congratulations go out to the following providers that achieved outstanding immunization coverage rates during the past quarter: Kubena Pediatrics (100%), Viva Pediatrics-Barlite (100%), Alamo City Medical Group-Schertz (100%), South Alamo Medical Group-Tezel (100%), Westover Hills Family Practice (100%), Pedi Docs (100%), Northeast Pediatric Associates-Stone Oak (100%), Meridian Medical Group (100%), San Antonio Family Medical Clinic (100%), South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Southwest (100%), ABCD Pediatrics-Schertz (100%), South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Downtown (100%), South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Stone Oak (100%), Dr. Elizabeth Brickman (100%), Night & Day Pediatrics (100%), CentroMed Southside Clinic (100%), Through the Years Pediatrics (100%), UT Medicine Children's Health Center (100%), Helotes Pediatrics (100%), Dr. Ostrower (100%), Meridian Care Center (100%),

Little Spurs Pediatric Urgent Care (100%), Kellum Medical Group-Adkins (100%), Leon Springs Pediatrics (100%), San Antonio A thru Z Pediatrics (100%), Kellum Medical Clinic-Nogalitos (100%), Live Oak Pediatrics (100%), Pediatric Associates Clock Tower (100%), Pediatric Medicine (100%), ABCD Pediatrics-Stone Oak (100%), CentroMed Children's Shelter (100%), All Star Pediatrics (100%), Somerset ISD-Student Health Center (98%), Child Care Associates (97%), South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Medical Center (96%), University Family Health Center-S.W. (96%), South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Southeast (95%), University Family Health Center-North (95%), San Antonio Pediatric Associates-San Saba (95%), Northwest Pediatric Associates (95%), San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Main (92%), Kid-Doc Pediatrics (92%), Huebner Pediatrics (92%), Dr. Gloria Abraham-Cox (91%), Dr. Francisco Montemayor (91%), San Antonio Pediatric Associates-S.W.Military (91%), Caring for Kids Pediatrics (88%), Children First Pediatrics (86%), Stone Oak Pediatrics (86%), Dr. Mary K. George (85%), and Family Doctor's Office-Guadalupe (80%).

These facilities worked proactively to ensure that over 80% of the children seen in their practices are up-to-date on their required immunizations of 4 DTaP, 3 Hep B, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 IPV, 1 VAR, and 4 PCV by 24 months of age. All of these facilities invested substantial efforts towards improving immunization coverage levels within their practices. JOB WELL DONE!! Keep up the great work!!

Special Congratulations go out to Kubena Pediatrics, Viva Pediatrics-Barlite, Alamo City Medical Group-Schertz, South Alamo Medical Group-Tezel, Westover Hills Family Practice, Pedi Docs, Northeast Pediatric Associates-Stone Oak, Meridian Medical Group, San Antonio Family Medical Clinic, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Southwest, ABCD Pediatrics-Schertz, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Downtown, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Stone Oak, Dr. Elizabeth Brickman, Night & Day Pediatrics, CentroMed Southside Clinic, Through the Years Pediatrics, UT Medicine Children's Health Center, Helotes Pediatrics, Dr. Ostrower, Meridian Care Center, Little Spurs Pediatric Urgent Care, Kellum Medical Group-Adkins, Leon Springs Pediatrics, San Antonio A thru Z Pediatrics, Kellum Medical Clinic-Nogalitos, Live Oak Pediatrics, Pediatric Associates Clock Tower, Pediatric Medicine, ABCD Pediatrics-Stone Oak, CentroMed Children's Shelter, and All Star Pediatrics. These facilities surpassed the Healthy People 2010 goal of 90% immunization coverage for the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series, receiving a perfect score of 100%. In fact, this is the 6th consecutive year that Dr. Ostrower's Office has received a perfect score.



It's the 5th consecutive year for Northeast Pediatric Associates-Stone Oak and Pediatric Medicine; the 4th consecutive year for Leon Springs Pediatric and CentroMed Children's Shelter; the 3rd consecutive year for Pedi Docs and ABCD Pediatrics-Stone Oak; And the 2nd consecutive year for Live Oak Pediatrics, Pediatric Associates Clock Tower, Night & Day Pediatrics, South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Southwest, and Viva Pediatrics-Barlite. Immunizing on time is definitely a top priority for these offices. Impressive work!!

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC): Required Vaccine Storage Equipment

Beginning January 1, 2010, all VFC enrolled provider offices must have stand alone refrigerator/freezer units or combination refrigerator/freezer units with separate doors in place as main storage units. VFC providers will not be allowed to permanently store VFC vaccine in dormitory style refrigeration units.

Dorm style units should only be used to store a clinic's single-day supply of refrigerated vaccine (excluding Varicella). All unused vaccine should be returned to the main refrigerator storage unit at the end of each clinic workday.

If you have any questions about Vaccine Storage Equipment please contact Anthony Johnson, VFC Vaccine Manager (207-4015) or Kenya Wilson, VFC Coordinator (207-3974).

Immunization Resource Sites

- DSHS:** www.dshs.state.tx.us/immune
- CDC:** www.cdc.gov/vaccines
- IAC:** www.immunize.org
- Vaccine Education Center:** <http://vaccine.chop.edu>
- American Academy of Pediatrics:** www.aap.org
- Vaccine Information for the Public & Health Professionals:** www.vaccineinformation.org
- Healthy People 2010:** www.healthypeople.gov

Need Forms??

- VFC Reports:**
www.sanantonio.gov/health/Immunizations-VFCforms.html
- Consent Forms:**
www.sanantonio.gov/health/Immunizations-SAIRS.html
- VISs:**
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>

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VFC Stars



Kellum Pediatric Clinic



Trevino Family Clinic-Pleasanton



 **Kubena Pediatrics**



 **Viva Pediatrics-Barlite**



 **South Alamo Medical Group-Tezel**




 **Pedi Docs**



 **Night & Day Pediatrics**




 **ABCD Pediatrics -Schertz**




 **South Texas Center for Pediatric Care -Southwest**




 **Northeast Pediatrics-Stone Oak**




 **South Texas Center for Pediatric Care -Stone Oak**



 **Dr. Elizabeth Brickman**



 **UT Medicine Children's Health Center**

Immunization Updates

The use of most **Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)** is mandated by federal law. Listed below are the dates of the most current VISs. Check your stock of VISs. If you have outdated VISs, print current ones from one of these sources: CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis (has VISs in English) or IAC's website at www.immunize.org/vis (has VISs in more than 30 languages).

DTaP/DT/DTP.....5/17/07 PCV.....12/9/08 Hepatitis A.....3/21/06 PPV.....7/29/97 Hepatitis B.....7/18/07 Polio.....1/1/00 Hib.....12/16/98
 HPV (H. papillomavirus).....2/2/07 Rotavirus.....8/28/08 Meningococcal.....1/28/08 Varicella.....3/13/08 MMR.....3/13/08
 Influenza (LAIV).....8/11/09 Influenza (TIV).....8/11/09 D/Tdap...11/18/08

BACK TO SCHOOL




 **Centromed Southside Clinic**




 **Helotes Pediatrics**




 **Dr. Ostrower**



 **Little Spurs Pediatric Urgent Care**



 **Leon Springs Pediatrics**



 **Kellum Medical Group-Adkins**



 **South Texas Center for Pediatric Care -Downtown**




 **San Antonio A thru Z Pediatrics**



 **Kellum Medical Group-Nogalitos**



 **Pediatric Medicine**



 **San Antonio A thru Z Pediatrics**