



# Region 4 MCIR News

## Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) Fall 2009

### Sites of Excellence

Congratulations to three Region 4 MCIR providers nominated by their local health department for the Region 4 MCIR Site of Excellence award. This award recognizes providers who exceed MCIR reporting requirements and utilize MCIR as a tool to increase the vaccine coverage level in their community.

#### Arnold Medical Clinic



From left: Joanna Duerr, Darlene McBride, Karen Heiple, Dr. James Park, Katrina Zamora, Marsha Buehler, Michael Persons, PA

**Arnold Medical Clinic** consistently utilizes MCIR to assess children's immunization needs and to meet Vaccines for Children (VFC) MCIR inventory requirements:

- MCIR records are pulled each day for all scheduled children
- MCIR Reminder Recall is utilized to contact children due for immunizations
- Missing data from other providers is updated in MCIR records
- Immunization data is entered as required for current and new patients

#### Bay Regional Pediatrics

**Bay Regional Pediatrics** uses MCIR daily to assure that all patients receive their immunizations as scheduled and that their VFC inventory is appropriately utilized. The practice has maintained an immunization rate of 80% or better by:

- Pulling MCIR records for every patient scheduled for a visit
- Utilizing the MCIR Reminder Recall system to send letters to parents/guardians of children due for immunizations
- Entering historical and other provider data into patient's MCIR records
- Managing their VFC inventory daily in MCIR to assure that refrigerator and MCIR counts match and data is entered correctly into MCIR records



Back left: Connie Ferrer, Pam Gross, Dr Inez Balinska, Dr Dariusz Balinski, Amy Mitchell. Front left: Monica Harper and Jessica Ugartechea

#### Elvira Dawis, MD



From left: Jackie Prescott, Kimberly Mallory, and Dr. Elvira M. Dawis

The practice of **Dr Elvira Dawis** has integrated MCIR into daily procedure to ensure that patients are immunized. As a result, their immunization rate has increased 16% from 63% to 79%.

The practice:

- Utilizes MCIR profile reports to identify children who are eligible or overdue for immunizations
- Implements suggestions for improvements from MCIR AFIX reports provided at VFC visits
- Prints MCIR records for each patient at all well-child visits and for screening at sick-visits for immunizations needed

## MCIR Changes and Updates

- The MCIR **All Hazard vaccine inventory module** will be utilized by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to track H1N1 vaccine doses administered and antivirals dispensed from the state and national stockpile (SNS). Providers administering SNS H1N1 vaccines or antivirals must enter H1N1 data into MCIR.

Providers **who do not already have access to MCIR must complete a MCIR agreement** and submit it to the Region 4 MCIR office. Providers must also **contact their local health department to enroll in the H1N1 vaccine program** to administer the vaccine.

**Training to utilize the MCIR All Hazard vaccine inventory module** is currently being provided by Region 4 MCIR in collaboration with local health departments. Contact the Region 4 MCIR HELP desk or your local health department for more information.

- The new vaccine **Hiberix** has been added to the **vaccine dropdown list** on the MCIR **Add Immunization** screen.

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## Don't Forget

- The Region 4 MCIR newsletter **will now only be distributed by email or available online at <http://www.gchd.us/Newsletters/MCIR/>**. Provide your current office or personal email to the Region 4 MCIR office to continue receiving the newsletter in electronic format.



## Contest !

Answer the following questions for a chance to win! Participants with all the correct answers will be placed in a drawing for the choice of a MCIR mug, candy jar or shoulder bag. Email or FAX the answers to the regional staff by **November 20, 2009**.

- The new vaccine \_\_\_\_\_ has been added to the vaccine dropdown list on the MCIR Add Immunization screens.
- The Region 4 MCIR newsletter will now only be distributed by \_\_\_\_\_ or available \_\_\_\_\_.
- The MCIR All Hazard vaccine inventory module will be utilized to track \_\_\_\_\_ vaccine doses administered and antivirals dispensed.

Congratulations to our last contest prize winner **Connie Warby** from **McLaren Community Medical Center in Flushing**.

Wondering if you got the correct answers last time? The answers for the **Summer 2009** contest were:

- To edit address information in a MCIR record click the **Edit** link in the Person Information section on the General Information screen.
- Immunization doses provided in your office prior to the VIM should be entered into MCIR records as **No Inventory**. Immunization data from another provider should be entered as **Historical**.
- Assure that MCIR records are updated on the **General Information** screen with the current address, including the city, state, zip code and county.

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