

CT-DPH and CTAAP 2012 Teleconference Series

The Connecticut Department of Public Health and
The Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

How the *New Connecticut Immunization Registry Can Help Your Practice*

Continuing Medical Education Program
Tuesday, June 5th 12:10 – 1:00PM

Would your practice benefit from the ability to easily print official immunization certificates for schools, daycares and camps? Would you like to save time spent on the phone gathering patients' immunizations histories? Would the capacity to forecast when and which immunizations are due and overdue help you avoid under and over-vaccinations? Would a centralized list of patients requiring immunization reminders save your staff time? These features and more are all part of the new Connecticut Immunization Registry and Tracking System (CIRTS).

This new electronic registry replaces a system that has been in use for over 19 years. Because the new system is web-based, Monthly Compliancy reporting will be simplified through on-line data entry. The system will allow you to access your patients' previous immunization records and will combine information into a single record. The system also provides for automatic electronic referral of patients who need contact from an outreach worker. In addition, CIRTS will generate immunization coverage reports. Towards the goal of reducing office paperwork, CIRTS will soon accept data from electronic health record systems (EHR).

This program will update you on the new immunization registry features and how this system will benefit your practice. The program will also provide an update on the status of the EHR-CIRTS interoperability project and how and when practices can begin participating.

Participants will be able to:

- Understand the features and benefits of the new immunization registry;
- Describe how providers can enter vaccine data online;
- Understand the benefits of the EHR-CIRTS interoperability project
- Understand how to take advantage of the features of the new CIRTS system.

Nancy Sharova, MPH, Connecticut Immunization Registry and Tracking System Supervisor, Immunization Program, Connecticut Department of Public Health. Ms. Sharova has an MPH from the University of Connecticut. For the past ten years, she has served as the CIRTS liaison for immunization providers and oversees day-to-day immunization registry operations.

Nancy L. Barrett, MS, MPH, Epidemiologist 3, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Immunization Program. Ms. Barrett has an MPH from the University of Connecticut and an MS from the University of Wisconsin. She has over 15 years experience in public health surveillance and IT management in the successful implementation of public health information systems.

For a registration form or more information go to ct-aap.org, telephone 860-977-3430 or e-mail tracey.ctaap@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN POLICY FOR CME/CEU REQUESTS

As part of this expanded 15 program series, we will now be charging a small fee for CMEs or letters verifying participation for CEUs. **As always, anyone may listen in for free.** See registration form or go to ct-aap.org for more details.

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- **Special Discount for all 15 CMEs and CEU Letters of Participation - \$150 for members, \$175 for non-member MDs/DOs, \$115 for APRNs, PAs, RNs and others**
- **Per Program CME/CEU Charge - \$20 for MD members, \$25 for non-member MDs/DOs, \$20 for APRNs, PAs, RNs and others**

CME Credits for Physicians

- CME Credit has been applied for at Norwalk Hospital. Norwalk Hospital is accredited by the CT Medical Society to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. Norwalk Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for 1 credit hour in Category 1 of the Physicians Recognition award of the AMA.

Continuing Education Requirements for Nurses

- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) will accept documentation of participation in the teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements toward recertification.
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) will accept documentation of participation in this teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements for certified nurses. The credit hours will transfer equally. CTAAP will provide verification of participation in letter form to the nurse. Nurses must submit the proper paperwork to the ANCC for approval.