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## I-TRENDS

### UNICEF Physician Favors Florida SHOTS

A physician from the Department of Community Medicine in Karnataka, India recently visited the Florida SHOTS program. Dr. Palicheralu Sreenivasa Rao Balu is traveling in the United States as part of a United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) delegation. A local Rotary Club hosted Dr. Balu's and his colleagues' visit.

Dr. Balu specifically requested a visit with the Florida SHOTS team to better understand US immunization registries in general as well as the specific capabilities of Florida SHOTS. Dr. Balu was aware of the accomplishments of Florida SHOTS as a statewide immunization registry and was interested in learning more about its implementation and how they might go about incorporating such a system in India.

Dr. Balu and the Florida SHOTS team discussed the differences between the approaches of the US and Indian immunization programs. India uses an inventory-based national immunization program. Thursdays are "Vaccination Day" in Indian public health. Nurses, who are assigned based on a population density of one nurse for every 3,000 children, are given a vaccine inventory to administer to children. They report remaining inventory at the end of the day.

National statistics about immunizations are gathered based on the inventory used each week. Individual records are difficult to centralize, so parents bring vaccination histories to the nurses, who then determine what shots are due, administer the shots, and update the cards. While more affluent families have access to private doctors, immunization records are still kept at the doctor's office rather than in a central database.

"The Florida SHOTS team is honored that other countries are interested in immunization registries and, in particular, our efforts here in Florida," says Susan Lincicome, Florida SHOTS Director. "We were pleased to be able to share information with Dr. Balu that might be useful in helping other countries to reduce and eventually eradicate vaccine-preventable diseases through the use of automated tools."

UNICEF was founded in 1946 to help children in post-war Europe, China, and the Middle East. UNICEF seeks to turn innovative ideas into reality in 157 countries and territories. Dr. Balu agreed that immunization registries are an inventive idea and recognized Florida SHOTS as an excellent example of turning such an idea into a fully functioning reality.

## Special Report

### Multistate Outbreak of Mumps Hits US, January-May 2006

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Immunization Program (NIP), have created a MMWR dispatch [May 18, 2006 / 55(Dispatch);1-5] regarding the multistate outbreak of mumps. Please share this information with colleagues, members, coalitions, and partners with an interest in the identification and prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases.

CDC and state and local health departments continue to investigate an outbreak of mumps that began in Iowa in December 2005, and involved at least 10 additional states as of May 2, 2006.

As of May 2, a total of 2,597 cases of mumps had been reported in 11 states. The CDC's report summarizes preliminary data reported to CDC and provides recommendations to prevent and control mumps during an outbreak. This dispatch can be viewed online at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm55d518a1.htm> or <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm55d518.pdf>. The Health Alert Network is located at: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/HAN/Index.asp>.

The CDC has currently defined a mumps outbreak in a school setting as "3 cases with at least 1 case that should be lab confirmed," and defines a community

# Welcome Aboard!



Michael Karolak, Rita Rhodes, Bunny Johnson, and Joya DeGregorio of Martin Memorial East Ocean in Stuart

We here at Florida SHOTS would like to wish a warm welcome to the 89 practices that enrolled during the months of March and April 2006. Recent enrollees Bunny Johnson, Rita Rhodes, Joya Degregorio, and Michael Karolak, at Martin Memorial East Ocean, in Stuart, say this about Florida SHOTS:

"We found out about Florida SHOTS from other Martin Memorial offices that are using the registry. We enrolled so that it will be easier to process shot records as soon as school season starts up again. It also is great to be able to retrieve information if parents don't have it. And if the children switch to a different pediatrician, the records are available to them.

Our experience with the help desk has been wonderful. They've answered all our questions and are very nice and polite every time we call. The Web-based training was also very easy to complete.

We're incorporating Florida SHOTS into our daily workflow. Each day, the check-out staff pull the records for patients who will be seen the next day (or later that week) and input the patient information and shots they've received previously into the system. Then the nursing staff input the shots the patient receives that day so we can print a 680 form for them right away.

We highly recommend Florida SHOTS to all doctors because of the continuity of care it provides."

## Did You Know?

The final version of the Hepatitis A Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) has been approved and posted on the NIP Web site. This version includes the 1-year minimum age, routine childhood recommendation, and a section on the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. It is dated 3/21/06, and its use is required under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. The VIS can be viewed online at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/vis-hep-a.pdf>.

## Tech Tips

**Q:** I've forgotten my password, and I can't log in. How can I reset my password?

**A:** The Florida SHOTS administrator for your office can unlock your account. If you need additional help, contact the help desk at 877-888-SHOT. We're here from 8 to 5, Monday through Friday, and we can help you reset your password in a snap.

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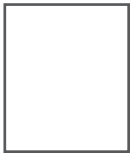
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outbreak as "5 cases statewide that can be linked to each other."

Mumps is a reportable disease in the state of Florida. Providers are required by Florida statute to report

certain diseases to their local public health department. To access the Current List of Reportable Diseases/Conditions in Florida, go to [http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease\\_ctrl/epi/surv/lor6\\_4.pdf](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/epi/surv/lor6_4.pdf).



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## Top 20 Spotlight

We'd like to commend the following practices for hitting our "Top 20 by Daily Usage" chart as of May 12, 2006. Thank you for your support of the registry!

1. Alliance Pediatrics—Gainesville
2. Pediatric Professional Associates—Miami
3. Pediatric Associates of Jacksonville
4. Jacksonville Pediatric Associates
5. Carithers Pediatrics Group—Jacksonville
6. Diagnostic Clinic—Clearwater
7. Funcoast Pediatrics, PA—Ormond Beach
8. North Florida Pediatrics Associates—Tallahassee
9. Family Health Centers of SWF—Ft. Myers
10. Westchester Pediatrics—Miami
11. Pediatric Centers of Lee County—Lehigh Acres
12. Altamonte Pediatrics—Altamonte Springs
13. David Weiss, MD, PA—Jacksonville
14. UF Pediatric Primary Care—Gainesville
15. ORH Pediatric Outpatient Practice—Orlando
16. Jacksonville Pediatrics
17. Myrtle Avenue Pediatrics—Clearwater
18. Lawton Chiles Family Health—Bradenton
19. Lynne Ellis MD, PA—St. Petersburg
20. Pediatric Associates of Lakeland

## You Said It

It's always nice to know what others who are enrolled in Florida SHOTS have to say about the program. So each issue we'll share with you what some of our top users are saying about the registry. This feature interview was conducted with Dee Kypreos, LPN, Carithers Pediatric Group, Jacksonville, whose office enrolled winter 2004.

### What do you think is the best feature of the registry for your office?

The ability to quickly print out the 680 form instead of handwriting it has been wonderful.

### What do you think is the best feature of the registry for your patients?

Accessibility. If they transfer to another doctor or go to the health department, that new doctor can bring up their shot records.

### If another doctor's office were to call and ask you why they should enroll in the registry, what would you say?

Enroll for convenience, both in printing the forms and being able to access the records themselves. Florida SHOTS allows you to keep a handy, accurate record of vaccines.

### How have you implemented Florida SHOTS into your daily workflow?

Teamwork. The whole nursing staff takes turns. We pull charts two to three days in advance and put in the patient's information and previous shots. Then when they come in for the office visit, we're ready for them if they need a 680 that day.

We here at Florida SHOTS would like to thank the Carithers Pediatric Group for consistently being in the top 10 of Florida SHOTS users statewide.

## Upload Update

**2,461,983**  
records have been  
uploaded into the  
registry as of  
May 26, 2006!

Call 877-888-SHOT or visit [www.flshots.com/forms.html](http://www.flshots.com/forms.html) to learn more about private provider data upload, a process that extracts shot records from current electronic files and imports them into Florida SHOTS.

YES, please contact me to schedule a visit with a regional coordinator to enroll in Florida SHOTS.

Sign me up for electronic copies of *SHOTS Tracker*.

EMAIL 1: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL 2: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## How Do I Enroll in Florida SHOTS?

### SIGN UP TODAY!

Fill out this information card and mail it back to us. Please include proper postage.

Call **(877) 888-SHOT**, or send an email to the help desk at **flshots@doh.state.fl.us** if you need more information.

So many enrollment options... and they're all FREE!



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## Easy Enrollment Form

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## Florida SHOTS Enrollment: Fast. Easy. Free.

Florida SHOTS (State Health Online Tracking System) is a free, statewide, centralized electronic immunization registry that helps health care providers and parents keep track of immunization records. Enroll today at <http://www.flshots.com>.

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