

Welcome Aboard!

We here at Florida SHOTS would like to wish a warm welcome to the 36 practices that enrolled during the months of November and December 2006. Recent enrollee Laurie Jacola, office manager at Island Pediatrics in Orange Park, says this about Florida SHOTS:

“We learned about Florida SHOTS because one of our doctors is married to a doctor in another practice that uses Florida SHOTS, and he recommended it. Then the practice owner saw information about it on a postcard and enrolled online. The enrollment process and training were very easy, and the help desk is really helpful.

We’re still implementing the system. When we pull charts a few days in advance for patients’

well child appointments, we go ahead and put their historical information in the registry. Then all we have to do is put in the new shot when they come in, and print the card. We also have a part-time office helper who has been inputting records starting in the A’s when she has extra time.

Florida SHOTS makes our job quite a bit easier here. Once you get going on it, it’s much faster and more efficient than writing the blue card. We also see a lot of new patients and foster children, and it’s so easy to obtain their shot records through the registry. We think it’s a fantastic program. We’re really pleased with it.”

You Said It



Dr. Kathy, Dr. Karen, Dr. Kim, & Dr. Greg of the Pediatric Offices of Savel, Kelly, Boreman and Odom, MDs

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 think about the registry. This feature interview was conducted with Sharon Cuthbert, practice manager, and Cheryl Burton, RN, at Pediatric Offices of Savel, Kelly, Boreman and Odom, MDs. This practice has been open in Clearwater for 44 years—365 days a year—and they recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of opening their Oldsmar office. Several of the office staff were treated by the practice as children and now work there.

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

It’s much easier to access patient immunization information and print out the 680 forms from the web.

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

Often new patients don’t have their shot records. For many of them, we’re able to log

on and view their records in Florida SHOTS without having to call their prior office or request records for them.

How have you implemented Florida SHOTS into your daily workflow?

When we prepare charts for patients we’re going to see the next day who will need school forms, we go ahead and enter their historical shots into the system. Additionally, we’ve started to enter records by patient age. We don’t have anyone in the office who exclusively enters the shots. We all work on it together.

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

It keeps everything current and makes it easier for staff to relay information to patients when they call in about what shots they have. We really love it. When the 680 forms are needed, it’s great. I’m sorry we didn’t have it 44 years ago when the practice opened.

Upload Update

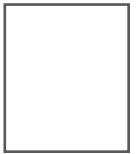
More than 3 million shot records have been uploaded into the registry since February 2006!

Call 877-888-SHOT or visit the Data Exchange page on the Web in the Resources section of www.flshots.com to learn more about private provider data upload, a process that extracts shot records from current electronic files and imports them into the Florida SHOTS registry.

Tech Tips

Q: Our office recently hired a new medical technician, and we’d like to train them to use Florida SHOTS. What is the easiest way to do that?

A: All currently enrolled Florida SHOTS users have easy access to refresher training on all aspects of the registry, from entering shots to printing 680s. When you are logged into the Florida SHOTS system, you can access a full range of Web-based training modules through the “Customer Support” tab. In addition, we have a training system that allows users to “play” with the system and enter fictitious data in order to get a feel for the application. Users that are in training should never enter real patient data into the training system or fictitious data into the production system. For information on accessing the training system, contact the help desk.



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Florida SHOTS Celebrates 2006, Offers 2007 Sneak Preview

still free of charge to health-care providers! This brings us to a sneak preview of some of the great things we have planned for 2007.

Coming Soon

One of the most anxiously awaited new features of the registry will be the introduction of a certified DH 680 form (the blue form). With a certified 680, health-care providers will be able to electronically sign (certify) the form within Florida SHOTS so that schools, and eventually parents, will be able to view and print the form via direct access. Initial development is planned for April 2007, with rollout to the schools to continue throughout the year.

Additionally, we anticipate further use of Florida SHOTS data to increase immunization coverage rates, in order to reach goals such as achieving complete vaccine coverage for the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series for 90% of all of Florida's 2 year-olds by June 2007. A new tool that will aid in this effort is new immunization assessment functionality

(e.g., the ability to run immunization assessment reports for a health-care provider's entire or selected patient population) scheduled for a late-January Florida SHOTS system update.

Part of increasing the number of shots in the registry will come from expanding the number of data upload providers. During 2007, we plan to implement new technological tools as they become available to make data upload even easier and more widely used. This will help the registry as we work toward meeting the Centers for Disease Control's national Healthy People 2010 goal to enroll 95% of children age 0-6 in the registry with at least two vaccination records recorded. As of 2006, we have accomplished 60% of the 2010 goal, and with 4 years to go, we expect to reach the full goal well before 2010 with help from our data upload partners.

Again, thank you for all that you do on behalf of Florida's children. Here's to a great 2007!

Top 10 Spotlight

We'd like to commend the following practices for hitting our "Top 10 by Daily Usage" chart as of December 15, 2006. Thank you for your support of the registry!

Traditional Partners:

1. Island Pediatrics:
Orange Park
2. Pediatric Professional Associates: Miami
3. Alliance Pediatrics:
Gainesville
4. Pelican Pediatrics:
Sebastian
5. MIMA Pediatrics: Indialantic

Upload Partners:

1. Pediatric Associates PA:
Lauderdale Lakes
2. Florida Health Care Plans:
Holly Hill
3. Milla Pediatrics: Gainesville
4. Eglin Air Force Base
Immunizations Clinic
5. Pediatric Associates
of Orlando

Did You Know?

What is the immunization level in your practice? National studies have shown that practices often think that their level is much higher than it really is. Now you will be able to pull a report and know for sure. A Florida SHOTS release scheduled for end of January will allow you to pull a CASA extract to assess your practice's immunization level. This will benefit all practices and will be particularly helpful for VFC providers.

- 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: _____

COUNTY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

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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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Now Available Online:

Easy Enrollment Form
www.flshots.com

Got an Opinion?

We'd love to hear what you think about Florida SHOTS, so we have asked a private research company to conduct a survey of all immunization providers in the state of Florida. Whether you currently use the registry or not, we want your input about your immunization practices and your perceptions of Florida SHOTS' features and benefits. Your feedback will be used to refine the system to best meet provider needs as we work together to conquer vaccine-preventable disease in children.



All responses will be entered in a drawing to win a **\$250 American Express gift certificate (one entry per office)** awarded by the research firm. The survey is designed to take about 10 minutes of your time, and you may designate anyone in the office who is knowledgeable about your immunization practices to respond. To participate go to www.brunetgarcia.com/survey, password: **email2** If you cannot access the survey online, call **Jenny Camet** at **904-346-1977** to request a faxed copy of the survey. The deadline to enter is **January 31, 2007**.

