

GNHC WINS IMMUZATION AWARD FOR SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW

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Once again, Good Neighbor Healthcare Center has won the Excellence in Immunization Award that is presented by the City of Houston Health and Human Services Department.

We are proud to do our part in meeting the needs of our pediatric patients with free childhood vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Through hard work and attention to detail our providers, Medical Assistants, and the Lab staff identify and administer these much- needed immunizations in a timely manner. State audits of our staff's work prove that they are dedicated to keeping these children safe against childhood diseases.

Their efforts have been rewarded at the yearly VFC dinner by receiving an award for six years in a row. During that time, GNHC has been in compliance 90 to 100% each year. By so doing, Good Neighbor continues to meet and/or exceed State or national immunization goals.

Dr. Neeta Gautam, GNHC's Medical Director, is our team leader in this endeavor. Most of the credit should be given to Sonia Vazquez, Maggie Galindo and Felipa Milian who keep meticulous watch over each child's immunization record, input data into the state wide ImmTrac system, contact parents when it's time for additional injections, and monitor our supply of vaccines. But just as important are the watchful eyes of our providers, Dr. Gautam, Ms. Tonya Kane, FNP and Dr. Arlene Tinker, as well as our Medical Assistants, Juana Rodriguez, Yolanda Martinez, Sara Medrano and Katia Jimenez who monitor the compliance and educate the parents on the importance of completing childhood immunizations.

