

REDUCE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES TO VACCINATE

Raise the vaccination rate of infants in your clinic by reducing or eliminating “missed opportunities to vaccinate”.

What can health care professionals do to reduce missed opportunities?

- Record all vaccines administered in Oklahoma’s State Immunization Information System (OSIIS) at the time of administration or as soon as possible.
- Enter all vaccines the patient has received in the past that are not recorded in OSIIS. This is especially important for children.
- Confirm current address and telephone number in OSIIS at each visit. Update other patient information in OSIIS as needed.

Record all vaccines administered in OSIIS.

- OSIIS is one of the best tools we have to reduce missed opportunities to vaccinate and to reduce over immunization.
- With OSIIS you can immediately access a patient’s immunization history whether vaccines were administered by a public or private provider.
- With a complete record you can easily determine which vaccines are due or not due.
- The most basic function of OSIIS is to allow healthcare providers to share vaccination records to help keep children on schedule.
- Timely data entry is important in case a patient visits another clinic or emergency room a few days after receiving vaccines at your clinic.

Record all historical immunization records for your patients.

A record of previous vaccinations is vital to determine if the child is up-to-date and if proper intervals between vaccines have been observed. For example, the birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine is often missing from children’s records in OSIIS.

Provide parents with a record of their child’s vaccinations.

- Even though vaccinations are recorded in OSIIS and in the patient’s chart, your patients still need personal immunization record cards.
- Parents need record cards so they can check their child’s vaccine status.
- Parents are responsible for providing vaccination records to schools and child care facilities.
- Parents need a record to take with them if they transfer care to a provider that does not participate in OSIIS.
- Always update the patient’s personal immunization record with information on the vaccines that you administered that day.