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Immunizing eighty patients per week is just an average week according to Patty Loyd, CHDP Coordinator for the Selma Community Health Center. Using the immunization registry has helped save time needed to keep track of all those shots. For one, handwriting yellow cards was no longer a necessity once they began using the registry. Now it takes about 3 minutes to enter a patient and just about one minute to update patient information. And Patty adds, “Once the patient is in the registry, a yellow card can be printed so easily.”

Before using the registry, Patty had very little computer skills and was concerned that the registry would take a lot of extra time, but “once the patient is in the registry, all you need to do is log on...enter the patient ID number...and click on ‘Find Patient’. It’s that easy.” Using the registry on a daily basis has actually taught Patty a little bit about computers. With the registry Patty can now check the vaccine inventory without going to the refrigerator.

Her favorite part of using the registry system is “Being able to let the provider know what immunizations are due at the time of the patient appointment.” Selma Community Health Center is a teaching facility with many residents, so

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this function of the registry is very important to maintaining office workflow.

Patty is an enthusiastic supporter of the immunization registry and not interested in going back to handwriting records. Patty says, “The registry has made life much easier in our office.”