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Rosemary Nazemi, pictured at the bottom left, is one of the true immunization registry champions in the City of Pasadena. As an Immunization Coordinator for the USC Family Medicine, Inc., she is a strong immunization registry advocate and now admits “I can’t imagine charting immunization records without the immunization registry ever again.” She was not always like this. Prior to using the registry, Rosemary acknowledged being very afraid of using computers.

Although she was hesitant to learn computer skills and wasn’t sure that the registry would save her time, she was a trooper and dived right in. After two days of training and practicing she proclaimed, “I was thrilled to find that using the registry cuts down on the time it takes to chart vaccines. It only takes me about 5 minutes per patient to create a new registry record, update the immunization history and document the shots given.” This is much shorter than the 10-15 minutes that it would take her if she had to document manually.

In this busy training clinic for new medical residents, about 30 patients are seen each week for immunizations. Rosemary appreciates the registry’s ability to recommend necessary shots at each visit based on patient’s immunization history. This has helped train and remind medical residents of the immunization schedule to prevent missed opportunities.

“I really like the ability to accurately see how much vaccine we have left and also how we can send out recall postcards.” Rosemary smiles when she thinks about the registry now, “the best part of it all is to have access to the most current immunization records for school physicals.”