WILLY RIOS- ARAICO, MD
San Diego’s 2007 Award of Excellence Recipient

Willy Rios-Araico, MD has been practicing in San Diego since 1981, providing medical care to children and adolescents. His office averages 15 to 25 patients a day who receive immunizations. Recently, Dr. Rios and his CMA staff were recognized by San Diego County as dedicated immunization registry champions.

We asked CMAs Cynthia Gonzalez and Teresa Hale about their experiences. Both admitted that when they first heard about the registry, they thought it would be “just extra work” added to their already hectic load. But they quickly changed their minds. Teresa and Cynthia learned the registry in one day, calling the training “easy, friendly, and efficient.”

“Before we started using the registry, it would take us up to 20 minutes per immunization record. That’s because all data updated or transcribed had to be written in more than one place.” In contrast, they are happy to report that with the registry it now takes “less than 5 minutes to enter a new patient record and only 2-3 minutes to update an existing record.”

Cynthia added that the registry gives them a way to send out reminder-recall notices to families. And they both like the automated report to check their office vaccine inventory. Teresa says her favorite feature is printing a patient’s immunization record (also called the yellow card), “It’s fantastic!” Best of all, the registry Help Desk is “always available to help solve our problems.” When asked if they would go back to an office with no registry, both said “absolutely never!”

On being registry champions, Dr. Rios credited his “exceptional office staff” claiming that they “all work well together as a team.” Teresa and Cynthia are honored to be named registry champions and invite others to contract them for more information on how they use the registry.

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