

**IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY**  
Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency



**Registry Orientation and Demonstration (Introductory Module)**

**Why is a Registry Important? Information for the Health Care Provider - How the Registry Works - Animated Demonstration of Functions - Patient Confidentiality - Local Resources - BARR Help Desk - Provider Agreement**

**Why is the Bay Area Regional Registry (BARR) Important?**

- About 4 out of 10 are not fully immunized by age two in Santa Cruz County.
- As families move in and out of public and private health care systems, parents and providers can use registries as a powerful tool to ensure that children receive timely immunizations and proper treatment. Retrieves immunization records of patients seen at another provider's office.
- Lost or incomplete immunization records can lead to missed opportunities to immunize.
- Easier for parents and medical provider to track needed vaccines and reduce incidence of vaccine preventable diseases.
- The way of the future; the Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) aims to create a statewide single, population-based data source for all health care providers by linking Regional Immunization Registries like BARR.

**Information for the Healthcare Provider**

- ✓ Saves staff time locating patient charts. No lost records.
- ✓ Identifies vaccines needed at every visit according to the AAP/ACIP recommended schedule.
- ✓ Prints immunization records easily whenever needed by provider, parent, school, day care, etc...
- ✓ Creates reminder recall system for patients and parents.
- ✓ Creates reports for internal / external audits; e.g., percent of patients fully immunized by age two.
- ✓ Tracks and manages vaccine inventory which can be used for VFC reports

**How the Registry Works**

The Registry is a web-based software program that can easily be installed into your office computers. Our Technical Staff can assess and assist you with your equipment needs. The Registry has four functional areas and a 'Help' function, which opens the online user manual for using the Registry.

1. Vaccine tracking: For adding patients, updating immunization history, and printing reports.
2. Inventory Control: For tracking vaccines and managing vaccine lots.
3. Reports: For printing records (blue and yellow cards), and reports for internal /external audits.
4. Local Administrator: Used for managing your user list, changing passwords, and merging duplicate records (only if authorized).

Log on to [www.ca-siis.org/demo/default.htm](http://www.ca-siis.org/demo/default.htm) for a ten minute animated demonstration of the functions and 'Help' function to peruse the online User Manual. You may need to install Macromedia flash player to do this. For a free download go to [www.soft32.com/download\\_500.html](http://www.soft32.com/download_500.html).

## Patient Confidentiality / Disclosure Process

Patients must be legally disclosed and we can provide you with the form letter and assist you with the process. Parents/guardians must 'opt out' to make the vaccine record limited to only his / her physician, otherwise the record is accessible to the child's health care provider and other authorized Registry Users as specified in the CA Health and Safety Code, Section 120/440.

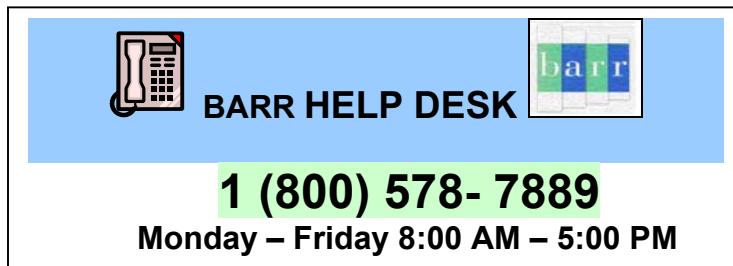
Records for patients who 'opt out' should indicate 'No' to 'Has patient agreed to share?' This field is accessed within the patient's record under 'Preferences'.

## Local Resources / How we can help you become a BARR User

We do all the following at no cost to you

- ✓ Equipment assessment and installation
- ✓ Patient disclosure material
- ✓ Staff Training Session(s)
- ✓ Staff Training Materials
- ✓ Ongoing technical assistance
- ✓ Patient education material
- ✓ Help Desk phone number and fax stickers for your phone/computer

## Bay Area Regional Registry HELP DESK



**BARR HELP DESK**

**1 (800) 578- 7889**

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



**FAX**  
**1 (408) 971-1667**

Call BARR for help with Inventory Functions, keeping your User and Shot Givers Lists up to date; Password Changes; Merging Patients and Provider Codes.

## Provider Agreement and Operational Requirements

The Provider Agreement is a legal contract between the County of Alameda and your practice / clinic. Before joining BARR providers must

- ◇ Read the Agreement carefully
- ◇ Sign and submit the *Provider Agreement*
- ◇ Have *Internet* service
  - ◇ Obtain needed equipment (if any) as determined by our technical staff
- ◇ Be available for technical assessment, Staff Training(s) and Periodic Follow-up Visits
  - ◇ Give patients / parents opportunity to opt out

If you are interested in becoming a BARR User and having all the benefits that the BARR Registry provides, the first step is to read, sign, and return your Provider Agreement. When we receive it we will call you to review the subsequent steps necessary to bring you on board.

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