

Background

ImmTrac, the Texas immunization registry, is a free service from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). It is a secure, confidential registry that stores immunization records electronically in one centralized system, available only to authorized users. ImmTrac also serves as the tracking and reporting tool for Texas community preparedness efforts. ImmTrac helps physicians ensure that their patients are vaccinated on time and helps prevent over and under-immunization. ImmTrac is available to all Texans. Each client's immunization information is consolidated into one electronic record in the registry, even when they are vaccinated by multiple providers.

The Texas Health and Safety code defines a health-care "provider" as: Any physician, health care professional, or facility personnel duly licensed or authorized to administer vaccines. **The law also states:** a health-care provider is required to keep track of that immunization record. This record contains the name and date of birth of the person to whom a vaccine was administered; dates of vaccine administration; types of vaccine administered; and name and address of the provider that administered the vaccines; or other evidence of immunity to a vaccine-preventable disease.

How to Report Immunizations to ImmTrac and When to Obtain Consent

ImmTrac offers two ways to report immunizations:

- Web-based ImmTrac application available for registered users
- Electronic data transfer from your electronic medical records (EMR) software

Consent for ImmTrac participation:

- Over 94% of Texas newborns are registered for ImmTrac participation by parental consent granted during the birth registration process.
- Providers can "affirm" consent when the client's information is added to the Registry. Providers should obtain consent if an ImmTrac search is performed and the client's record is not found in the Registry. The consent form may be printed from ImmTrac, signed by the client or parent (if client is younger than 18), and providers with consent affirmation rights can create the new client record in ImmTrac. All other users may fax the signed consent form to DSHS to create the new client record.

What Can ImmTrac Do For You?

- Offers fast and secure online access to your patients' immunization histories
- Consolidates patients' immunization records from multiple providers
- Enables you to generate *Reminder* and *Recall* notices to inform your patients of due or overdue vaccines
- Enables providers to generate other useful reports directly from ImmTrac
- Interprets complex immunization schedule and recommends vaccines due
- Helps prevent over- and under-immunization
- Enables you to instantly print an official shot record to give to your clients
- Offers immunization records on a large client population (>94% of Texas newborns are registered for ImmTrac participation during the birth registration process)
- Offers easy Internet access and a user-friendly application
- Offers improved data quality and easier client searches
- Saves staff time and cost in immunization records management
- Enables school to access students' immunization records, saving provider staff time
- May qualify you for federal incentives if you are using an EMR system and electronically report data to the registry.

Protect Texas Children. Join ImmTrac.

To get started, please complete the online ImmTrac registration packet:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/immtrac_reg.pdf

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