

Immunization Practices

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Background

- Practice established in 2000
- Located 15 mi from Las cruces and 14 mi from El Paso City Limits.
- Anthony, TX-Anthony, NM: different state but same area.
- No existing Pediatrics Services
- Medical Care: Family Practice clinics (5) and Public Health Office.



Area Map



Anthony, TX-NM



Our Community



Housing Surrounding The Clinic



Challenges

- Immunization rate in NM cy:2000 was 64.5 6.1 (CDC Immunization coverage Jan-Dec 2000)
- Migrant Population with poor record keeping.
- New Practice.
- Recall of Patients due for Immunization.
- Need to be compliant with TX and NM.
- Poor compliance.





Strategies

- Education of Staff.
- Make vaccine available.
- Education of population:
 - Every visit to office.
 - Community events like Health Fairs.
 - Small announcements to large gatherings.
- Patients seen every day on Walk-in basis.
- Validation of previous Immunizations done in Mexico or other countries.



Strategies



Conclusion

- Education Pays!
- Need to continue current efforts.
- Need for innovation.
- Keep staff and community informed.
- Collaboration between public and private entities.



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Thank you!

Any Questions?

