HDHHS to recognize Houston physicians with high immunization rates

WHO: The Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) and area medical providers

WHAT: HDHHS officials will recognize medical providers exceeding an 80 percent rate of up-to-date immunizations among children in their patient caseloads. The recognition is part of HDHHS' observance of Nation Infant Immunization Week, April 22-29. The observance highlights the importance of immunizing infants against vaccine-preventable diseases by the age of 2. Therese Hoyle, president of the American Immunization Registries Association, will be the keynote speaker at the event.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE: University of Houston's Hilton Hotel, Conrad Hilton Grand Ballroom, 4800 Calhoun

NOTE: See list of recipients on following pages.

-more-
NIIW award recipients 2005-2006
Excellence award and improved physicians

90% – 100%
Jorge Barer, MD – 100% TCPA - Fannin 1st yr. > 90%
Rukmini Kumar, MD – 100%
Susan T. Lee, MD – 100% Providence Family Practice P.A.
Romero Fortin-Magara, MD – 100%
Bonnae Nawara, RNC, NP – 100% Kinder Clinic – Star of Hope 1st yr. >90%
Mortin Rubin, MD – 100% Total Care Medical 1st yr. >90%
Belinda Yeh, MD - 100% Bellaire Children’s Clinic 2nd yr. > 90%
Kamal Deka, MD – 98% Pediatric Clinic
Jacob de Valle, MD – 98% Pediatrics of Southwest Houston
Peter Y. Jung, MD – 98% Blue Fish Pediatrics 2nd yr. > 90%
Patricia E. Dike-Odingbe, MD – 98% 3rd yr. >90%
Cohan & Masharani, MD – 96% TCPA – Cohan & Masharani
Oscar de Valle, MD – 96% Clinica Hispana
Jane Hsieh, MD – 96% Bellaire Gessner Medical Clinic
Fernando Isart, MD – 96% “Northwest” Kids N’ Teens - Northwest 1st yr. > 90%
Kline, Ho, Wei, & Pate, MD – 96% TCPA- Kline, Ho, Wei & Pate 3rd yr > 90%
William Mack, MD – 96% 1st yr > 90%
Vanda Patel, MD/A. Stewart, – 96% La N. Casa de Amigos Health Center 3rd yr. >90%
Margaret Payne, MD – 96% Payne Pediatrics 4th yr. > 90%
Harry Rosenthal, MD – 96% Ashford Pediatrics - TCPA 2nd yr. >90%
Heena N. Thakker, MD – 96% 3rd yr. > 90%
Salma Vawda, MD – 96% Christus Medical Clinic - Southwest
Phillip Dreesen, MD – 94% TCPA- Pediatric Medical Group 2nd Yr >90%
Sriranjini Eachempati, MD – 94% Well Baby Clinic 2nd yr. >90%
Supriya Ramanathan, MD – 94% TCPA - Gulfton Pediatrics
Nguyen S. Thai, MD – 94% Family & Children Clinic
La Donna Watson, MD – 94% Pediatricians of West Houston
Ying – Ying Wood, MD – 94% Clinica De Ninos 2nd yr. > 90%
Barry Zietz, MD – 94% TCPA – Alief/Zietz
Rosalyn S. Assef, MD – 92% Post Oak Pediatrics
Robert A. Boyd, MD – 92% Houston Pediatric Associates 1st yr. >90% (86%-92%)
Robert Castillo, MD – 92% Center Street Medical Clinic 3rd Yr. >90%
Jan Drutz, MD – 92% Residents Primary Group 1st yr. since 2002 > 90%
Isairis Fernandez, MD – 92% Edgebrook Clinic
Robert Halpin, MD – 92% TCPA – Pine Point Pediatrics 2nd yr. >90%
Fernando Isart, MD – 92% - “Inwood” Kids N’ Teens Clinic - Inwood 1st yr > 90%
Fernando Isart, MD – 92% - “Oak Forest” Kids N’ Teens Clinic- Oak Forest 1st yr. since 2002 > 90%
Ian Kavin, MD – 92% Memorial Pediatrics Associates
Wendy Laborie, MD – 92% Good Neighbor Health Care Center 3rd Yr > 90%
Rebecca Schwanecke, MD – 92% Neonatology Pediatrics 2nd Yr > 90%

-more-
NIW award recipients 2005-2006
Excellence award and improved physicians

Muzzian R. Siddiqi, MD – 92% TCPA - Ripley House
Galina Yoffe, MD – 92% TCPA Pediatrics
Melissa Denby, MD – 91% Robert Carrasco SBC
Hung T. Dang, MD – 90% Holman Medical Associates P.A. 1st yr. > 90%
Chau Ngoc Nguyen, MD – 90% Harwin Medical Center
Anusuya N. Sendos, MD – 90% Hillcroft Family Care Clinic 3rd yr. > 90%

80 – 89%
Larry Batcher, MD – 89% Acres Homes Clinic
Jean – Louis Frantz, MD - 89% Airline Pediatrics
Jeong S. Yang, MD – 89%
Amaraseeli S. Durayappah, MD – 88% Family Care Clinic
Jose C. Interiano, MD – 88%
Brian Reed, MD – 88% Gulfgate Community Clinic
Forough Farizani, MD – 86% Hillcroft Physicians
Usha Kothari, MD – 86% Lawndale Pediatric
Rene I. Lopez, MD – 86% Clinica Las Americas
Herbert L. O’Brien, MD – 86% Northwest Pediatrics
Pamela Arndt, MD – 84% Kelsey Seybold – West
David Cotlar, MD – 84% TCPA – David Cotlar, MD
Leon Freedmon, MD – 84% Town & Country Pediatric
Gurney F. Pearsall, MD – 84% Pearsall Pediatrics
Jorge S. Mendoza-Ramirez, MD – 84% Clínica Pediatrica Hispana
Selie Soroka, MD – 84% Clinica del Sol
Abdur Rauf, MD – 83% Long Point Medical Center
Bonnae Nawara, RN, CPNP – 83% Kinder Clinic
Gonzalo – Uribe Botero, MD – 82% Media Gene Clinic
Augustine O. Egbunike, MD – 82% Prime Care Medical Clinic
Karen Hill, MD – 82% Internal Medicine Pediatric Clinic
Guillermo Padilla, MD – 82%
Victoria L. Regan, MD – 82% Fannin Pediatrics
David J. Walburn, MD – 82%
Michael Bryne, MD – 81%
Kari Covington, MD – 80% Washington Clinic
Fernando Lombana, MD – 80% Houston Medical Clinic
Tonya Brown – Price, MD – 80% Midtown Pediatrics
Jerry Tsao, MD – 80% Bellaire Doctors Clinic

-end-