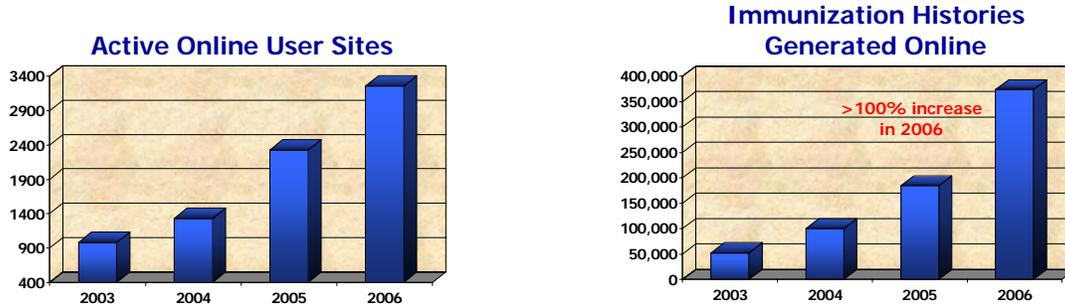


SNAPSHOT

- 61.5 million immunizations recorded in ImmTrac
- 5.4 million Texas children
- 2 million children under age 6
- 3,300 active online user sites
- 32,000 (average) immunization history reports generated online per month



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Six bills relating to ImmTrac have been filed.

- **SB 204 (J. Nelson)** – Proposes requirement for electronic medical records to offer ImmTrac reporting capability.
- **HB 1895 (D. Howard)** – Proposes conversion of ImmTrac to “opt-out” registry for persons under 18 years of age.
- **HB 1896 (D. Howard)** – Proposes conversion of ImmTrac to “lifetime” immunization registry.
- **HB 1897 (D. Howard)** – Proposes creation of “opt-in” immunization and screening registry for persons under 18 years of age.
- **SB 892 (J. Zaffirini)** – Proposes creation of immunization and screening, “opt-out”, “lifetime” registry.
- **SB 1186 (J. Nelson)** – Proposes inclusion (upon request) of immunization records for First Responders over age 18 and their immediate families. Proposes that all immunizations for all ages would be reported to ImmTrac during a declared disaster; consent would be required for the Registry to retain the information after the end of the disaster.

PROMOTION & EDUCATION UPDATE

- ImmTrac Provider Working Group (IPWG) – conference call meeting was held on March 9 and focused on legislative activity, promotional activities, and progress on technical enhancements.
- Health Plan/Payor Working Group (HPPWG) – Next HPPWG conference call is scheduled for June.
 - 39 health plans are currently registered to report to ImmTrac
 - In late January, 2007, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas reported current and historical immunization data to ImmTrac for the first time. The large import file resulted in the addition of over 2.5 million immunizations to ImmTrac for 365,000 Registry clients, an average of approximately 7 immunizations for each ImmTrac client history updated.
- Texas Obstetrician and Gynecologist practices have responded well to ImmTrac’s invitation to disseminate the Registry’s brochure for parents to expectant women and women planning a family. The invitation was sent in collaboration with the Texas Association of OB/GYNs via their annual newsletter last Fall.

- In January, 2007 ImmTrac staff presented at Texas Head Start Collaboration MidWinter Conference. Attendees were Directors and Health Specialists from Texas Head Start grantee organizations.
- ImmTrac staff, in collaboration with HSR staff, will continue technical assistance visits to low-performing hospitals and birthing facilities in the 2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2007. Health Education staff at high-performing hospitals and birthing facilities will be identified and educated on the benefits of ImmTrac, the newborn consent process, and the birth registrar's key role.
- An ImmTrac ad will appear in the March/April issue of the Texas Hospital Association's *Texas Hospitals* magazine. The ad thanks birth registrars for their contribution to the health of Texas children by implementing the *ImmTrac newborn consent process*. The ad also refers readers to the ImmTrac website, where *ImmTrac Award for Excellence* recipients are recognized.
- An ImmTrac ad will appear in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians *Texas Family Physician* magazine's April/May/June issue. The ad promotes effective use of ImmTrac in the physician's office.
- National Immunization Conference (NIC) participation – The ImmTrac Group submitted a poster on Stakeholder relations for display at the NIC. The poster, entitled *Texas Immunization Registry – Navigating Change and Growth Through Innovation and Stakeholder Involvement*, addressed the impact of legislative mandates implemented in 2005, Registry change and growth, and Stakeholder involvement to identify and prioritize actions and technical enhancements to improve ImmTrac.
- The two ads and the NIC poster may be viewed at www.ImmTrac.com.

TECHNICAL UPDATE

New Enhancements

- "QUICK SEARCH" - Offers users three quick record searching options:
 - ImmTrac Client ID Number
 - Social Security (SS) Number plus date of birth (DOB)
 - Medicaid Number
- "COUNTY FILTER" Feature
 - Enables users to produce a "filtered" client list displaying only clients residing in the same county as the user's site.
- "REQUEST CLIENT ADD" process
 - Incorporates bar-coding technology to facilitate and expedite processing of consent forms for adding new clients.

Electronic Data Translation (EDT) Pilot Project (Phase Two)

- ImmTrac has successfully completed implementation of the Electronic Data Translation capability. ImmTrac is now able to accept and import data files in virtually any electronic format, including:
 - Data extracts from Electronic Medical Records (EMR) systems
 - Text files ("flat" files, fixed width, and delimited files)
 - Spreadsheet and database files (e.g., Excel, Access)
 - Billing files ("NSF" files and HIPAA-compliant "837" files)
- Targeted partners for EDT include large provider groups, hospitals and clinics that utilize an electronic practice management or EMR system. The system must be capable of generating a standard electronic data extract containing client demographic information (for ImmTrac client matching) and immunization information.

Implementation of HL7 data exchange capability

- Implementation of the HL7 data exchange capability has been completed and ImmTrac is prepared to begin work with pilot sites.
- In late-March, ImmTrac will release a proposed HL7 "message structure" profile and request input from Stakeholders, including CDC, out-of-state and local registries, EMR vendors, and provider entities that have expressed an interest in participating in ImmTrac's HL7 Pilot Project.