

April 14, 2016

HIC UPDATE



Activities of the Hawaii Immunization Coalition



Hawaii State Legislature

It's been a busy legislative session so far. HIC is tracking the following bills/resolutions:
SB2394: Requires annual influenza vaccinations for healthcare workers
SCR30: Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine education to parents of public middle and intermediate school children



National Infant Immunization Week
IMMUNIZATION. POWER TO PROTECT.
April 16-23, 2016
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html>

HPV Publication

Congratulations to HIC board member, May Rose Dela Cruz, DrPh, whose work was recently published in the Journal of Cancer Education. Her article, "HPV Vaccination Motivators, Barriers, and Brochure Preferences Among Parents in Multicultural Hawaii: a Qualitative Study" confirms the importance of the physician's strong recommendation for vaccination and the role culturally appropriate educational materials can play in discussions with parents about HPV vaccination.
<https://immunizehawaii.wordpress.com/2016/03/31/board-member-publishes-hpv-study/>

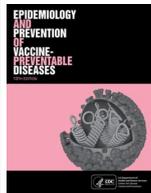
Vaccine-Preventable Cancers

In January, HIC attended the inaugural meeting of the Vaccine-Preventable Cancers Workgroup. We look forward to working with our community partners to reduce cancer by increasing hepatitis B and human papillomavirus vaccination rates.



HIC Strategic Plan

HIC's Strategic Plan for 2016-2020 is now available at <https://immunizehawaii.wordpress.com/2016/03/08/hic-strategic-plan-released/>.
Strategic goals of the coalition are:
1. Increase access to immunizations for patients and providers through policy changes
2. Increase awareness and education for providers and patients in Hawaii
3. Develop and implement protocols for Board succession planning
If you would like to participate in activities to achieve these goals, e-mail hicimmunizehawaii@gmail.com.



Mark your calendars...
for the Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (Pink Book) course on **January 10-11, 2017** at the Ala Moana Hotel. Want to help plan this event? E-mail hicimmunizehawaii@gmail.com.

Public Service Announcement



Olelo Community Media created a public service announcement (PSA) for HIC. The PSA, featuring HIC President, Gwen Navarrete Klapperich, encourages everyone to get vaccinated to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities. To view the PSA, visit <https://immunizehawaii.wordpress.com/2016/02/23/new-public-service-announcement/>.

Welcome Aboard

HIC has recently gained the expertise of several influential immunization advocates. Welcome to the HIC Board of Directors:

- **May Rose Dela Cruz, DrPh**
'Imi Hale Native Hawaiian Cancer Network
- **Celeste Baldwin, PhD, APRN, CNS**
University of Hawaii Maui College
- **Natascha Ching, MD**
Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine

Additional positions on the HIC Board of Directors are still available. If you are interested in joining the board, contact us at hicimmunizehawaii@gmail.com.

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