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# Wayzata Children's Clinic

### Wayzata Children's Clinic Wins Awards for Excellence in Immunization

**Minnetonka, MN – October 20, 2011** – Wayzata Children's Clinic received two top awards from the Minnesota Department of Health for demonstrating innovative work in the area of childhood immunization practice. The awards were presented at the MDH annual "Got Your Shots" immunization conference held in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota on October 20-21, 2011.

Wayzata Children's Clinic received The G. Scott Giebink Excellence in Immunization Award for initiating major quality improvements to their immunization records in The Minnesota Immunization Information Connection, (MIIC), and for improving vaccine delivery and coverage for their patients. MIIC is a statewide immunization database accessible to health care providers, public health agencies and schools aimed at improving vaccination rates throughout Minnesota.

Working in partnership with Hennepin and Carver counties, Wayzata Children's Clinic identified issues and developed strategies that addressed informational gaps in MIIC records to insure that the data is useful to providers and accurately reflects the immunization status of their patients.

*"Taking the time to identify data issues and work to improve them has not just improved the data but allowed Wayzata Children's Clinic to better serve their patients,"* said Carol Wentworth, RN, PHN, Carver County MIIC Regional Coordinator. *"(They) are leaders in adopting the new MIIC tools available to access their clients' immunization needs."*

The G. Scott Giebink Excellence in Immunization Award honors the memory of Scott Giebink, MD, a renowned pediatric infectious disease expert at the University of Minnesota who was a strong advocate for children, especially in the area of infectious disease prevention.

Also at this October conference, Wayzata Children's Clinic-Chaska was acknowledged for having Minnesota's highest immunization rate for two-year-old children among large clinics. (Clinics with more than 200 patients assessed.)

*"It is truly an honor to receive these awards which reflect the hard work we have done over the past 2 years to correct not only our immunization rates, but also the accuracy of our documentation and billing,"* said Kelly Boie, CPNP, Quality Assurance/Quality Initiative Project Manager. *"The Hennepin & Carver County MIIC coordinators have been instrumental in helping us create clinic-wide initiatives, and they continue to work with us in trouble-shooting any questions."*

Joseph E. McHugh, MD accepted both awards on behalf of Wayzata Children's Clinic.

#### **About Wayzata Children's Clinic**

Wayzata Children's Clinic specializes in the ongoing needs of children from infancy to college age. They are conveniently open 7 days a week at one of 3 locations, Chaska, Spring Park and Minnetonka and accept most insurance plans. (*Coming soon to Delano in August, 2012.*) The Minnetonka and Chaska sites offer Open Clinic, a walk-in service where no appointment is needed. Open Clinic is for simple/common illnesses and injuries and is staffed by their own pediatricians and nurse practitioners. Examples: sore throats, ear infections, upper respiratory infections, flu symptoms, newborn concerns, minor injuries and fractures, stitches and X-rays. In addition, all clinics feature:

- Complimentary Get Acquainted Visits for New Families
- Well Visits
- Same Day Illness Appointments
- Sports Physicals
- ADHD Consultation
- Newborn Care
- Adolescent Health
- Comprehensive Allergy and Asthma Care
- Nurse Triage Services

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