



# Community Vaccine Providers' News

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## PHNs Welcome CVP's



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I think it has been an excellent partnership and collaboration and it has enabled us (PHN) to reach more of our clients with our publicly funded vaccines, especially influenza vaccine. Our Biological Product Monitor (BPM) is able to easily coordinate vaccine pickups for community providers. I believe it is a very successful collaboration and we are really looking forward to where this could go in the future.

## ImmunizeBC Launches HPV Clinic Locator

Do you offer HPV clinics or immunizations? Register online for the HPV clinic locator so your clients can find you and access your HPV services. The Locator will be Google map based where someone will be able to enter in their postal code or city to find locations nearest them to get the vaccine. It's free and sponsored by ImmunizeBC. To register your clinic go to;

<http://immunizebc.ca/hpv-immunization-clinics>

## National Immunization Awareness Week April 20-27, 2013

Organize an Immunization Awareness event in your community! For more info go to [immunize.ca](http://immunize.ca)



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## Pharmacists to Know



*Kathy Gaboury, BScPharm,  
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I look forward to being able to provide a wider range of vaccines to improve access for residents of the North. Sharing the public's demand for services helps increase patient compliance with immunization schedules.

*- Kathy Gaboury, BScPharm,  
Fort Nelson IDA Pharmacy*

## Gone Live! CVP Webpage Goes Live.

Be sure to check out the CVP webpage, it has gone Live as of February 8, 2013!

<http://www.northernhealth.ca/Professionals/ImmunizationResourcesTools.aspx>

*Give me a lever  
long enough and a  
fulcrum on which to  
place it, and I shall  
move the world.*

*- Archimedes*



## BC Pediatric Society Initiative on Non-Publicly Funded Immunizations

One of the most important questions on a parent's mind about vaccines is: "What is YOUR opinion as a health care provider?"

The following materials may be helpful in relaying information about non-publicly funded vaccines to families. Please click to download the printable pdfs. <http://www.bcpeds.ca/physicians/resources.dot>

- Here is some information about non-publicly funded vaccines including ready-made answers to some of the questions parents might ask you. [Common Q & A About Vaccines](#)
- We've developed the "Extra Protection Checklist" which is an informative piece that you can give to families to help them become aware of their vaccine options. [Extra Protection Checklist](#)

These well-researched, informative and colourful materials have been developed by the BC Pediatric Society (BCPS) with funding from the BC Center for Disease Control (BCCDC) and ImmunizeBC. Visit the I HAVE immunity website ([www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca)) for more information about immunizations.

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## Partnering to Reach First Nations, Inuit & Métis Populations

According to the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the world. HPV infections can lead to diseases such as cervical cancer, the cause of an estimated 350 deaths in 2011 according to the Canadian Cancer Society. Regional studies indicate that the incidence of cervical cancer for Aboriginal women is higher compared to women in the general population.

It is important to continue building partnerships to explore the acceptability, accessibility, understanding, and uptake of HPV immunization in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. Available vaccines can prevent up to 70% of cervical cancers caused by HPV. Girls in Grade 6 and girls  $\leq 13$  years of age at series commencement, who did not get the HPV vaccine in Grade 6, as well as girls born in 1994 or later who missed receiving or completing a vaccine series while in grade 6 or 9 in BC, are eligible for the free Gardasil HPV vaccine. Young women born in 1991-1993 are eligible for the one-time Cervarix HPV vaccine program.

The Journal of Aboriginal Health JAH is the leading open-access and peer-reviewed journal on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis health. Health Canada and the PHAC support JAH's efforts to promote HPV vaccination and cancer prevention as the focus of Vol 8 Issue 1.

*- Cynthia Monk, RN, BScN, MHS*

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