

STREETERVILLE PEDIATRICS

State Immunization Registry

Patient/Parent Information Sheet

What is I-CARE?

I-CARE is an immunization record-sharing computer program developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The I-CARE program allows public and private health care providers to share the immunization records of Illinois residents. Currently, the program contains more than 37 million immunization records.

I-CARE helps health care providers record, track and report their patients' immunizations. Participation is voluntary. The registry allows physicians to access patient records for information about immunizations administered outside their practices.

The main goal of I-CARE is to increase immunization coverage level of Illinois children.

What about security and patient confidentiality?

I-CARE helps protect patient confidentiality while providing access to statewide registry information. Confidentiality is maintained through several security controls.

Open access to the statewide registry is not allowed. Only registered I-CARE users have access to the data and information is available only on a need-to-know basis. In other words, an I-CARE user cannot look through patient records. Specific name or ID search criteria must be used to access information in the statewide registry.

An audit log at the statewide registry tracks all updates to patient records and which user(s) made each update. In addition, a site can only produce reports for patients seen at its clinic.

I acknowledge receipt of this information and agree to have my child(ren) participate in the Illinois Immunization Registry:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____