



Bridging the Gap

A Lifetime of Protection with Vaccines

15TH ANNUAL IMMUNIZE GEORGIA CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1, 2008

GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER
2000 CONVENTION CENTER CONCOURSE
COLLEGE PARK, GA 30337-4200

www.choa.org/immunizegeorgia



Registration

15th annual Immunize Georgia Conference Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008

Name (please print)

Credentials

Address

City

State

ZIP

E-mail

Business phone

Other phone

Hospital/agency affiliation

Special needs

Are you from the public sector or private sector? _____

Would you like your name, address and telephone number on a roster to be distributed to conference attendees, exhibitors and speakers? ___ Yes ___ No

Registration Fee

\$60 per person—This includes all food and functions listed in the agenda. There is no charge for parking.

The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 5, 2008. Space is limited; only registered attendees with confirmation letters will be able to attend. **There will be no onsite registration.**

Late registration: \$100 if received after Friday, Sept. 5, 2008.

Final confirmation letters will be mailed Monday, Sept. 8, 2008.

Type of Payment

Credit card (circle one) Visa MasterCard American Express

Card number

Expiration date (required)

Printed name (as it appears on card)

Cardholder's signature

- Check or money order (payable to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)
- Purchase order from employer (Include a copy of the purchase order for our records. This registration form acts as an official invoice for the event.)
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta departmental account

Supervisor's signature

Dept. #

Account #

Supervisor's phone #

Complete and return form with payment to:

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Attention: Angie Matthiessen, 1655 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, GA 30329-2303

Fax: 404-785-7243 It is suggested that you fax the registration form to secure your spot. Payment can be mailed separately.

Cancellation policy: Refunds will not be granted if you are unable to attend. However, participant substitutions are accepted.

Note: Plan for large-space temperature fluctuations.

Agenda

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Plan to arrive in time to register, enjoy breakfast and view the exhibits.

Everyone who arrives before 7:45 a.m. will be entered in a drawing for a gift basket.

- 7 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast and exhibits
- 8 a.m. Welcome remarks
Seema Csukas, M.D., Ph.D.
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Michelle Conner, B.S.N., M.B.A., M.S.H.A.
Georgia Department of Human Resources
- 8:20 a.m. **Immunization Schedule Updates**
William Atkinson, M.D., M.P.H.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 9:20 a.m. **Walt Orenstein Champions for Immunization Awards**
- 9:45 a.m. Refreshment break, exhibits and vaccines for providers
- 10:05 a.m. **Vaccine Safety: Science and Myth**
Larry Pickering, M.D.
CDC
- 11:05 a.m. **Ask the Experts: Immunization Panel Discussion**
William Atkinson, M.D., M.P.H., and Larry Pickering, M.D.
CDC
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch, exhibits and vaccines for providers
- 12:45 p.m. **Using Your Resources to Provide Quality Immunization Care**
Deborah Wexler, M.D.
Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)
- 1:45 p.m. **Promoting the Health of Teens Through Vaccines**
Kari Sapsis, M.P.H.
CDC
- 2:45 p.m. Refreshment break, exhibits and vaccines for providers
- 3 p.m. **Overcoming Meningitis**
John Kach, Meningitis Survivor
National Meningitis Association
- 4 p.m. Closing remarks and door prizes

General Information

Conference Description

The purpose of this conference is to update healthcare providers about the latest information related to providing excellent immunization care for children, adolescents and young adults. In addition, the importance of vaccinating adults and healthcare providers will be emphasized as an essential tool in protecting Georgia's children and families from vaccine-preventable diseases. This conference will benefit pediatricians, family physicians, primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, private sector and public health providers. Nurses, school nurses and other health professionals involved in the care of children will find this information helpful in their practice.

Objectives

As a result of attending the conference, participants will be able to:

- Describe and discuss the current immunization schedules in practice with patients.
- Apply the information received about the newly licensed vaccines and the recommendations in their practice with patients.
- Apply examples of excellent program practices in their own practice with patients.
- Explain the supporting issues about the safety of vaccines.
- Revise ways to talk with families about immunizations.
- Utilize immunization resources in their work with patients.
- Review the successes and challenges of the CDC teen campaign initiatives.
- Describe the consequences of coming down with the disease of meningitis.
- Explain the importance of the meningitis vaccine.

Visit www.choa.org/immunizegeorgia for more information about the *Ten Ways to Attend a Conference Successfully*.

Continuing Education Credits

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is accredited by the **Medical Association of Georgia** to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Children's designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the **Georgia Nurses Association**, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta resolves to ensure that its educational mission, and, particularly, its continuing medical education activities are not influenced by the special interests of any corporation or individual associated with its programs. While having a financial interest or professional affiliation with a corporation does not necessarily influence a speaker's presentation, the standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education require that this relationship be disclosed to the audience. Any potential conflict of interest will be made known to participants at the beginning of the program.

Approval as a provider refers to recognition of educational activities only and does not imply ANCC Commission on Accreditation or Georgia Nurses Association approval or endorsement of any product.

General Information

Conference Coordinator

Angie Matthiessen

Phone: 404-785-7225

E-mail: angie.matthiessen@choa.org

All programs are intended to be accessible to all persons. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate fully in conference activities, contact the conference coordinator to discuss your specific needs.

Location

Georgia International Convention Center

2000 Convention Center Concourse

College Park, GA 30337-4200

Phone: 770-997-3566

Fax: 770-994-8559

The Georgia International Convention Center is located off Camp Creek Parkway near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Visit www.gicc.com for directions.

Accommodations

Visit <http://atlanta.airporthotelguide.com> or www.atlairportareaguide.com for a listing of nearby hotels.

Awards

Contact Angie Matthiessen at **404-785-7225** or angie.matthiessen@choa.org if you would like to submit a nomination for the Walt Orenstein Champions for Immunization or Clay Coleman Excellence in Customer Service awards. The nomination deadline is Friday, July 25, 2008.

Walt Orenstein Champions for Immunization Awards

This award honors an individual, public or private agency or coalition dedicated to protecting Georgia by promoting immunizations for children and their families. These recipients will exemplify the excellent immunization care set forth in the Standards for Child and Adolescent and Adult Immunization Practices available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/vac-admin/rev-immz-stds.htm#child.

The Clay Coleman Excellence in Customer Service Award

This award honors Georgia Immunization Program staff members who demonstrate passion, enthusiasm and innovation in the provision of service, expertise or technical assistance to any immunization stakeholder, including the general public. The recipient of this award should personify the ideals set forth in Gov. Sonny Perdue's Team Georgia campaign for "faster, friendlier, easier" service as well as exemplary customer service that goes above and beyond the call of duty with the ultimate goal of immunizing Georgia.



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