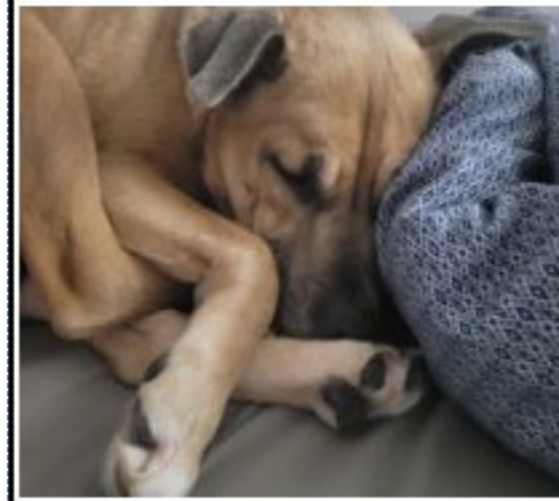


NH Immunization System (NHIIS): In the News

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A bit about us



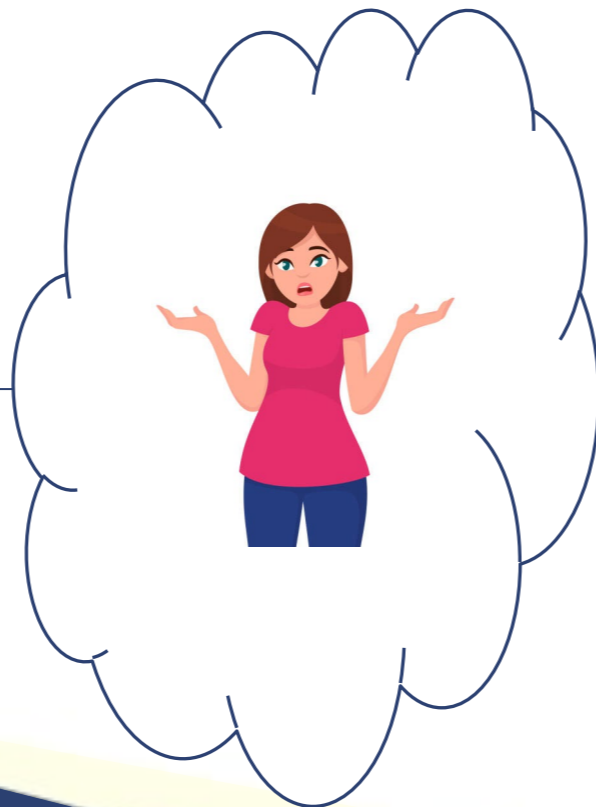
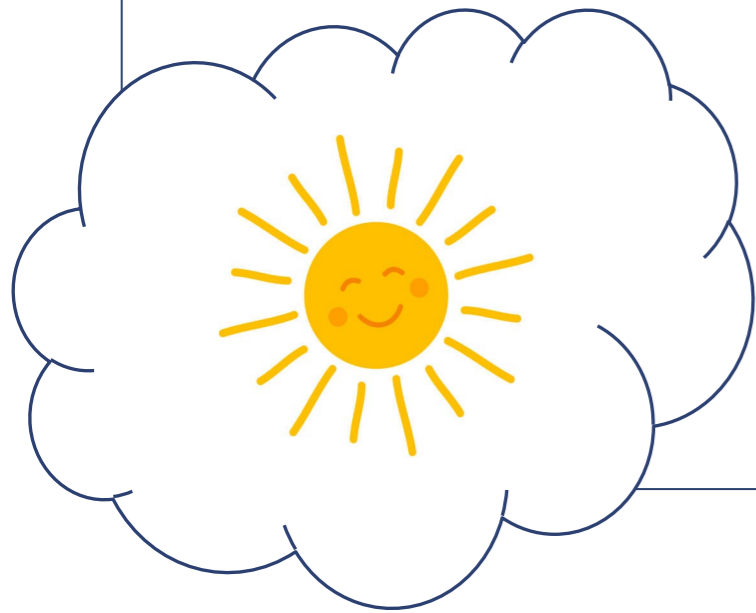
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Vaccines in the News

- ▶ For the past several years, vaccines have been in the forefront to the news.
- ▶ Here in NH, we launched the NHIS during the COVID pandemic
- ▶ The pandemic cast a spotlight on Immunization Registries (IIS) in a way that had never been seen before.
- ▶ This had both good and bad consequences
- ▶ Today, we will focus on what was taking place beyond the headlines, and how it affected the NHIS

► What comes to mind after reading the articles?



IIS National Statistics and Facts

- ✓ **Currently there are 64 immunization registries in the U.S. All 50 states, District of Columbia, 5 cities, 5 territories and 3 freely associated states. (Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau)**
- ✓ **During the pandemic, there was approximately a 10X increase in submissions and queries into IIS.**
- ✓ **61 jurisdictions has provided updated consent form policies to the CDC by early 2023:**
 - **13 jurisdictions mandate reporting to the IIS with no possibility of Opting Out. (Pediatric patients)**
 - **43 jurisdictions collect the data with implicit parental consent (Pediatric patients)**

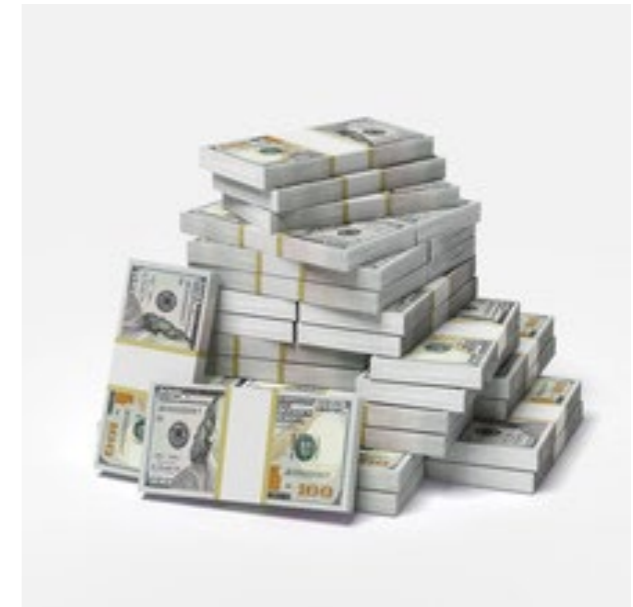
 - **As of this publishing, only 30 states had a public portal for patients and/or their guardians to access their immunization record online.**

 - **Different states have different laws regarding transferring of IIS information between them.**
 - **At least 36 IIS's do currently have authority to do so.**
 - **This is currently a proposed bill in legislature for our state.**




Immunization Registry helps keep NH Healthy

- ▶ **NHIS was adopted in 2021.**
- ▶ **Initially the hope was to capture 100% of vaccinations given in the State of NH.**
- ▶ **HB 1606 was proposed and accepted, making our state an Opt In explicit state.**
- ▶ **There is a large sum of money associated with making us an explicit Opt In state.**



Easier to Withdraw from the NHIIS

- ▶ HB 1487: Allows Opt Out with notarized form
- ▶ Bill has since passed
- ▶ Eliminates opportunity for HC provider to explain benefits of NHIIS to those considering Opt Out

 **New Hampshire Immunization Information System (NHIIS) Withdrawal Form**

Fax or mail this form to: New Hampshire Immunization Program, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301
Attn: Registry Administrator, fax: 603-696-3266

Vaccine Recipient Information (AS IT APPEARS IN NHIIS)- To be completed by the participant or parents/Legal guardian	
Name of the Vaccine Recipient/Participant (Print)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) NHIIS Patient ID (if known)
Street Address	City State Zip code Phone number or Email address

Acknowledgement:

- ❖ I understand that this withdrawal from participation in the registry will not prevent me or my child from receiving immunizations/vaccinations.
- ❖ I understand withdrawing will delete all existing vaccine information within the NHIIS for myself or for my child. This is a permanent deletion that cannot be undone.
- ❖ I understand that I may reverse my decision by completing a "Reverse Previous Decision not to Participate in the New Hampshire Immunization/Vaccination Registry" form with my current health care provider.
- ❖ I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my other health care providers of my decision to withdraw from the registry so that no future immunization/vaccination information is reported to the NHIIS.
- ❖ Patients who choose to withdraw from participation in the registry are not relieved from the obligation to comply with current immunization requirements set forth in RSA 141-C:20-a and He-P 301.14.

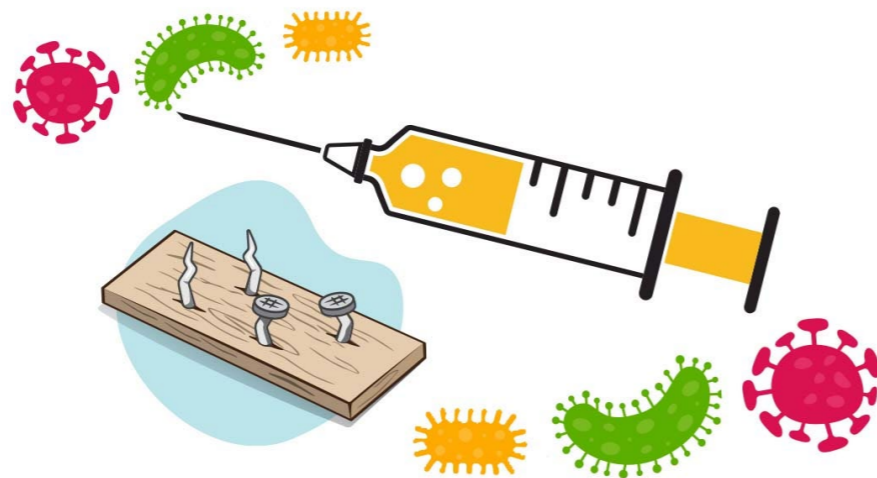
_____(Print Name) I withdraw my/my child's participation and seek removal of all my/my child's information from the NH vaccination registry, known as the NH Immunization Information System (NHIIS).


Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (if participant <18 years old) (Print)	Relationship to participant	Signature of Participant, Parent or Legal guardian (sign in presence of Notary)	Date of Request
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Healthcare Provider	Public Notary
Name of the Facility or Clinic and Clinic ID	Subscribed and sworn before me this
Name of Healthcare Provider	Day of _____ (Month), _____ (Year)
Signature of Healthcare Provider	OR Notary's Signature and Seal
Date: _____	Date My Commission Expires: _____

Note: In the event that the NH Department of Public Health was the medical provider (i.e. State run COVID-19 clinic), a copy of vaccination(s) provided by the Department/Department's authorized agent will be retained in a separate HIPAA compliant system for a period of 7 years for adults and 7 years or until the minor reaches age 19 for minors in order to comply with Med (501.02(f) (8) and He-P 802.06 (h).

NHIIS Withdrawal Form, March 2023



 **Immunization Record Info Request**


Select Language * Help

Let's get started!
You can request a vaccination record for yourself or your legal dependent.


Who is the request for?

Me Dependent


What to Expect




Enter Info
Enter your personal information.



Verify Your Identity
Receive a verification code to confirm your identity.



View Immunizations
Access your vaccination record.



Scenario:

- ▶ HB 1606: Change NH to Opt In state
- ▶ Bill has since passed, effective July 1, 2023
- ▶ Opt Out by default decreases value of IIS data

Opt In/Opt Out system

Automatic Opt In



- Choice to Opt In or out
- Hesitancy
- Lack of awareness
- Lower participation

- ✓ Recycling bins for every household
- ✓ Automatically enrolled
- ✓ High level of involvement



- ▶ **As a healthcare professional, how do you explain the option of opting in or out of the NHIIS?**
- ▶ Are there any stories you use?

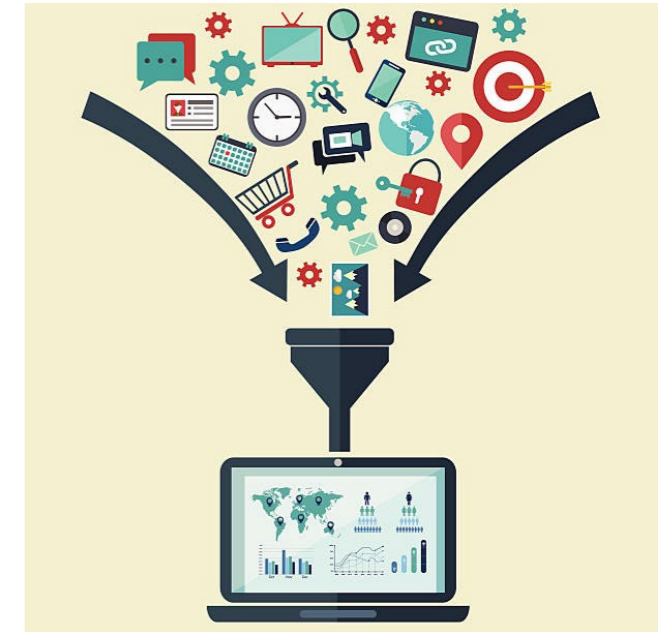


- ▶ **Raise your hand if you feel that NH becoming an Opt In state has decreased participation in the NHHS in your practice.**



Federal Funds finally approved, enhancements ahead for NHIIS

- ▶ Original amount: \$27 million
- ▶ Accepted \$22.5 million in federal funding
- ▶ Majority of \$\$ for NHIIS



- ✓ Development and maintenance
- ✓ Data collection and integration
- ✓ Data analysis and research
- ✓ Capacity building and training
- ✓ Security and privacy measures
- ✓ Collaboration and partnerships

Federal Funds

Fears:

Tyranny

Discrimination

Future
micromanagement



Facts:

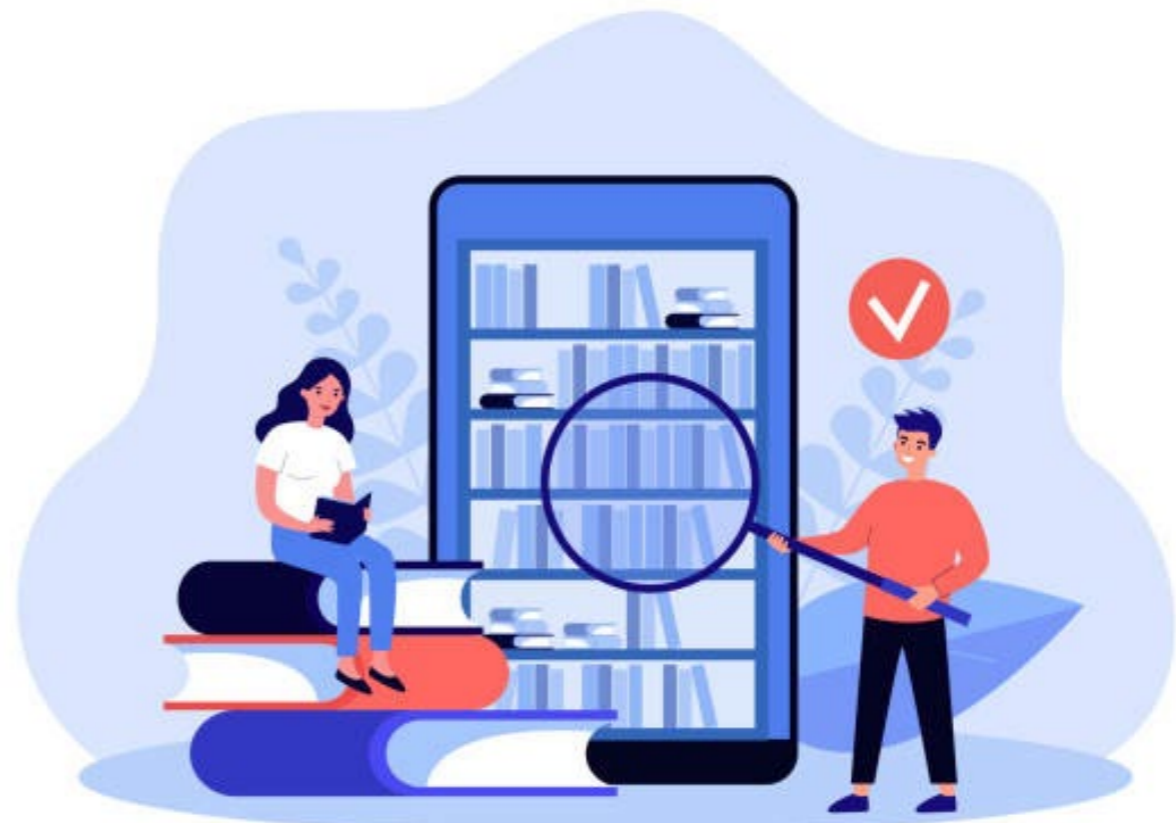
Strict confidentiality regulations

Only use Patient ID or MRN

No PII or PHI to CDC

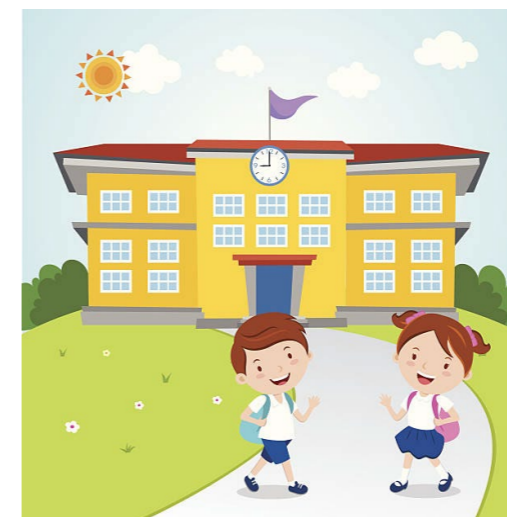
Federal funding works like a contract

► **As a patient, how do you feel about your information being in the NHIIS?**



Bills target NH vaccine registry, rules

- ▶ HB 220: forms a committee
- ▶ Specific carve outs
 - Commissioner authority: RSA 141-C15
 - Admission to NH schools: RSA 141-C20-a, II
 - Guardian authority: RSA 137 J1
 - County nursing homes, NH state hospitals, medical facilities



What the article tells us

- ▶ "[HB220] would *declare* an 'inalienable right to bodily integrity, free from any threat or compulsion that the person accepts any medical intervention, including immunization.'"
- ▶ Opponents take issue with this phrasing, support pre-existing vaccine policies.





Questions?