

**Medical Director's Report
Board of Health
May 2010**

General Activities

- **2009 Annual Report** - Drafted and wrote my section of the Annual Report for the Department of Health.
- **Moving Preparation** - Much of my time in the last few weeks has been taken up with discarding and culling of files so as to meet the anticipated move date end of June/early July. Much of the files need to be reduced in order to meet filing space in the new facility, while still maintaining pertinent references and documents for future reference.
- **Immunization Coalition Meeting** – Attended the April 27th Immunization Coalition Meeting, setting goals for 2010, and discussing CDC updates.

The prediction of H1N1 disease as a third wave is still out there without any further comment or modification by the CDC.

General community rejection rates for immunizations in children, based on lack of faith in vaccines, seems to be relatively low at this point in time; perhaps 1% or 2%, based on informally discussing this with practices and immunizing pediatric age groups. HPV and Hepatitis A vaccines are the ones most commonly questioned by parents currently.

A barrier to vaccination in adolescence is, paradoxically, the school-based physical. Parents often omit seeing their child's physician for routine care because the school has done a physical. As a result, the gathering of pertinent history, discussion of the need for, and delivery of certain vaccines does not happen. These vaccines include HPV, Tdap, and Meningococcal. The way to solve this problem is through outreach information, public services messages, and private practice recall tactics designed to inform the public about the utility and availability of these vaccines.