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Since 2003, the Tennessee Department of Health has offered authorized users access to the State Immunization Registry through our online portal, <https://twis.tn.gov>. The Tennessee Web Immunization System (TWIS) gives authorized users access to 1.5 million patients and 14 million vaccinations. Most existing records, were established from birth certificate data on children in Tennessee since January 1, 1994; however, the registry can accept information on patients of any age. TWIS is a secure internet portal into the state immunization registry. TWIS users, depending upon the level of access, may perform a number of functions; conduct patient searches, verify that patient immunization information is accurate and complete, update patient information, print pre-populated school certificates for daycare and school, and create new patient records for patients of any age. Users can access links to other vaccine related web sites and more specific information concerning the Tennessee Department of Health's Immunization Program and the federal Vaccines for Children program.

With its easy to use screens, TWIS is an excellent source for credible and secure information. By using TWIS, healthcare providers can effectively reduce wasted time by limiting the number of calls to the local health department for immunization records and increase office productivity. Over 3400 users and a 1041 provider sites are now a part of a growing community of TWIS users who have helped to increase the number of patients in the registry, increase the number of immunizations documented in the registry, and decrease the number of repeated immunizations found in the immunization registry.

In Tennessee, we envision a registry in which *"Any authorized user, anytime and anywhere in the state of Tennessee can immediately obtain comprehensive immunization information on any Tennessee resident."* To accomplish this vision, the Immunization Program is now promoting TWIS to immunization providers who care for adults, not just children. By creating a permanent record of immunization for patient that is visible to all healthcare providers using TWIS, providers can avoid tedious records searches and unnecessary doses of routine (but infrequently needed) vaccines, like those for pneumococcal disease and tetanus. To register for TWIS online go to <https://twis.tn.gov>. For more information, contact our registry coordinator at [brian.k.moore@tn.gov](mailto:brian.k.moore@tn.gov) or by phone 615-741-4908. Training and demonstrations are available upon request.