

## **North Dakota Health-Care Providers Receive Immunization Awards**

The University of North Dakota Student Health Services was presented with a Providers' Choice Award by the North Dakota Department of Health during an immunization conference held in Mandan August 24 and 25, according to Molly Sander, Immunization Program manager.

Providers' Choice Awards are presented to immunization providers who have made extraordinary contributions towards increasing immunization rates in the state.

The Department of Health received 17 nominations for the Providers' Choice Awards. A panel selected seven people and/or organizations to receive the award, including UND Student Health. Other award recipients were:

- Wanda Kratochvil, Walsh County Public Health – Grafton
- Nita Sherwin, Innovis Health – Fargo
- Chantel Hillius-Kramlich, Medcenter One – Bismarck
- Dr. Rafael Ocejo, Medcenter One – Bismarck
- Altru Health System – Grand Forks
- Custer Health - Mandan

Student Health Services was also recognized for this award at the Healthy UND 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, August 26, 2010. Dr. Robert Boyd, Vice President for Student Affairs, expressed his appreciation to Student Health Services for protecting the health of the campus community. Student Health administered more than double the amount of Gardasil vaccinations compared to other large institutions. Significant vaccination rate increases were also shown for Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and Hepatitis B. Flu vaccinations administered to students, faculty, and staff at campus clinics increased by 244% this past year.

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