

Darnall education nurse selected for Spring 2012 Immunity Award

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FORT HOOD, Texas--Rose Herrera, education nurse at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's Thomas Moore Health Clinic, has been selected as one of two recipients for the American Nurses Association (ANA) Spring 2012 Immunity Award.

The ANA Immunity Award recognizes nurses who have become champions of immunizations by demonstrating a high level of competency in their nursing role as immunization advocate, educator, and leader.

"Rose has gone above and beyond in helping us take our immunization program to the next level. Her dedication and expertise led to our successes, and I'm confident she will continue to lead the team to achieve even greater things," said Dr. Jennifer Hensley, Thomas Moore Health Clinic provider.

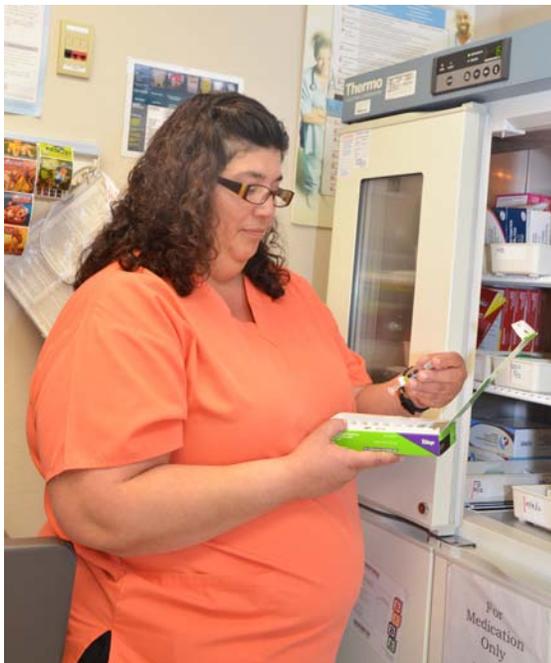


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help them at any time."

In her nomination, Hensley cited Rose's exceptional efforts to organize and ensure that vaccine records for 16,000 Soldiers and family members who attend the clinic are captured in electronic health records and are accessible to military officials worldwide. She has developed standardized procedures for immunization administration, educates nursing staff in immunization competencies and helps enforce standing immunization orders for family members of more than 46,000 Soldiers at Fort Hood.

"I am proud of the things we are doing. We're getting ready for SPASIC (Sports Physical and School Immunization Clinic), and this year it will help save our patients time as the record-keeping for all immunizations is now electronic," Herrera said. "When it comes to immunizations, I really do enjoy my job. Everyone throughout the clinic knows they can count on me to

Figure 1 Rose Herrera, education nurse at CRDAMC's Thomas Moore Health Clinic, prepares DTaP vaccines for immunizations to be given at the Pediatric Clinic. Herrera has been selected as one of two recipients for the American Nurses Association (ANA) Spring 2012 Immunity Award. (U.S. Army photo by Patricia Deal, CRDAMC Public Affairs)