The CNMI & Our Efforts to Reduce Lost to Follow-Up

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Where is the CNMI?
- Chain of 14 islands
- Saipan, Tinian & Rota
- Population: 60,000
- Official languages: English, Chamorro and Carolinian
- Ethnicities: Chamorro, Carolinian, Filipino, Chinese, Micronesian, Korean, Japanese, Thai, Bangladeshis, USA mainlanders and others
Implementation of Newborn Hearing Screening

- Implemented in 2002
- There is only one birthing hospital on Saipan, with health centers on Tinian & Rota.
- 1,400 births annually
Economic Challenges

- Minimum Wage = $3.55
- High Cost of Living
- Soaring fuel costs
- Rolling blackouts/Utility cost increase
- Decline in Tourism / Airline pullout
- Garment factories closing

- Disconnected phones, cable, power
- Transportation limitations
# Lost to Follow-Up

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<td>Total infants needing follow up</td>
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<td>Infants rescreened</td>
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Reducing Lost to Follow-Up

- Brochures
- Poster
- Flyer
- Calendar page
- Follow up appointment prior to discharge
- Reminder calls
- Letter insert
- Results placed on the immunization card
Immunization Record
CHMI Immunization Registry

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
HINEMLO DR.
COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CENTER
SAIPAN, MP 96950

(None Specified)

Known Patient Allergies/Risks:

TEST TEST
Patient ID: 24365    Gender: FEMALE    DOB: 01/01/2001

Address:

Comments:
02/09/2008    THIS PATIENT NEEDS A HEARING SCREENING.
              PLS CALL 236-8716 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

Immunization History  (* = Reaction Specified)

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