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ACIP
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Along with the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), provides written recommendations on the administration of vaccines to adults and children in the United States. These recommendations include a schedule of dosage, contraindication, and periodicity information for each vaccine. This "harmonized schedule" is the default schedule within GRITS.

Bookmark
A browser tool used for accessing Web sites quickly. After setting a bookmark at a Web page, you may return to that page simply by clicking on its bookmark, rather than entering the entire Web address. Also known as a favorite.

Browser
A software program you use to access the Internet. The two most common browsers are Netscape® and Internet Explorer.

CASA
Clinic Assessment Software Application. A tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) used for assessing immunization levels of clients for an immunization provider.

CDC
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC is the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people, providing information to enhance health decisions.

Certificate of Immunization (3231)
The official Georgia 'Certificate of Immunization' which displays the immunization history required for a child attending any school or childcare facility.

Client
Anyone who has an immunization recorded in GRITS by a provider organization.

Client Comments
A pick list that allows you to record contraindications, precautions and immunities.

Clinician
A person who administers an immunization; for example, a nurse.

Complete Immunization Report
A client report that displays demographics, contact information, and a detailed summary of the client's immunization history. This report will typically be used as a physician's chart copy.

CRA
CDC's Countermeasure Response Administration system supports collecting countermeasure activities such as the administration of vaccines or the dispensing of drugs that occur during a Public Health Event.

Data Exchange
A feature that allows you to automatically exchange immunization batch files with GRITS.

Deduplication
An automatic process that displays potential client matches to help ensure that client records are not duplicated in GRITS.

Desktop
The default screen on your computer that displays when no programs are open. The desktop contains shortcut icons that allow the user to open the represented programs and files from the desktop screen.

Doses Administered by Eligibility
A report will give you information on how many immunizations of each vaccine where administered by eligibility status.

Eligibility
The client's insurance status or funding program used to determine the client's eligibility for State Supplied (VFC) vaccine.

External Organization
An organization that does not utilize the GRITS registry. May be selected when creating an inventory transfer to a site not in the receiving organization pick list.

Favorite
See Bookmark.

Grace Period
The default period of time prior to and following an immunization. This time period is used to validate a client's immunization history; it does not affect immunization recommendations.

GRITS
Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services. A population-based Web application containing consolidated demographic and immunization history information.

HL7
Health Level 7. A method of categorizing data so that it is uniform across all health reporting systems. Allows for easier data transfer among different systems.

Home Page
The opening page of a Web site. GRITS' home page is the page that displays after you successfully log in. It contains announcements, release notes, resources, and the menu.

Hyperlink
A word or group of words that is underlined and appears in a colored font, usually blue, in GRITS. When you click on the underlined text, the Web site, page, or document that is described will be displayed. Also known as a link.

Immunizations Needed Report
A client report that displays demographics, contact information, immunization history, and immunizations recommended by date according to the tracking schedule assigned to the client.

Immunization Registry
Confidential, computerized information system containing client demographics and immunization histories. Registries enable public and private health care providers to maintain consolidated immunization records.

Invoices
See Shipping Invoices.

Lead Test Action
The indication whether a blood lead test has been performed or ordered for a client. The three Lead Test Actions are: Test Referred, Test Submitted, and Test Not Submitted.

Login
The first screen (aside from any security/certificate warnings) that appears after you access GRITS' Web address. The Login screen requires you to enter your organization's name, your username, and your password to access GRITS.

Logout
Button on GRITS' menu bar that allows you to exit GRITS and return to the Login screen. You may logout from any screen in GRITS.

Lot Number
The unique, identifying number given to each vaccine by the manufacturer.

Menu Bar
GRITS' menu bar is dark blue and appears at the top of every screen within the registry. The menu bar has several menu options: home, change password, logout, and help (light bulb). The menu bar on your Internet browser, on the other hand, is located near the top of your computer screen and contains words with drop-down lists such as File, Edit, View, Tools, etc.

Menu Panel
GRITS' menu panel is a medium blue color and appears to the left of every screen within the registry. The menu panel lists all of the GRITS functions available to the user.

New Client Form
A blank Vaccine Administration record which includes a current inventory table for the select site. Used to collect demographic information for a client that doesn't exist in GRITS.

Ordering Authority
A person with the capability of ordering an immunization for a client; a person with ordering authority is generally the client's pediatrician or primary care provider or, within public health organizations, the medical director.

Opt Out
A person who has elected, or whose parent/guardian(s) have elected not to have the child's immunizations stored in GRITS. An opt-out form, available in GRITS, must be completed and sent to the Georgia Immunization Program's office where it is maintained.

Opt In
In the event a person has opted out of the GRITS system (see Opt Out), and wishes for the child's immunizations to be once again stored in GRITS, an opt-in form, available in GRITS, must be completed. The form must be sent to the Georgia Immunization Program's office where it is maintained.

Organizational Extract
A feature that allows you to generate an extract of the client and immunization history for your organization.

Packing Guide
A transfer shipping document listing vaccine to be packed when creating a vaccine shipment. Used if the person packing the shipment is not the person entering the transfer in GRITS.

Parent/Child Switch Org
A feature that allows a user that belongs to a parent or vendor organization to switch to an associated child or client organization without having to log out and log back into the registry.

PDF
Portable document file. A file format that allows you to view and print a document online in its original format.

PIN
A site's VFC provider identification number used in ordering VFC (state-supplied) vaccine. Entered on the manage site screen.

PRIORITY GROUP
For Public Health Events, clients are screened and categorized into CDC determined priority groups, and vaccines are administered to persons meeting appropriate priority, age, and time between dose groupings.

PUBLIC HEALTH EVENT
An act or series of acts used to prepare for, counteract, or offset a possible (preparedness) or actual (response) agent release or disease outbreak.

Radio Button
An input circle that, when clicked, fills with a black dot to indicate a selection. For example, on the Manage Clients screen of GRITS, the client's gender is indicated by selecting the radio button beside M, F, or N/A.

Reason
Primary explanation for changing the quantity of a vaccine lot.

Recall Notice
A card or letter that informs a responsible person or client of immunizations that are overdue.

Release
A new version of an application, which usually includes enhancements and software fixes. Each release of an application is indicated with a number; for example, GRITS release version 3.0.

Reminder Notice
A card or letter that informs a responsible person or client of immunizations that are due in the future.

Responsible Person

A parent, relative, or guardian who is associated with the client and may act as a contact. A client may also act as the responsible person for him- or herself.

Secondary Reason
Secondary explanation for changing the quantity of a vaccine lot. The *Secondary Reason* pick list will only appear when a GRITS Action Code from the *Reason* pick list is selected that has associated secondary GRITS Action Codes.

Sequence
Identifies which dose is being referred to within a vaccine series. For example, a number "2" sequence indicates the second dose of the series.

Series
The compilation of doses for one vaccine that provides immunity for a certain disease or diseases. For example, the recommended series for the DTP/aP vaccine contains five doses.

Shipping Documents
Documents used when transferring vaccine. Includes the Packing Guide, Shipping Invoices and Labels.

Shipping Invoices
A shipping document listing vaccine that was included in the inventory transfer or shipment. A copy of the invoice is generated for the sending site and the receiving site.

Shortcut
An icon located on your computer's desktop which, when double-clicked, will open the program displayed by the icon.

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A client report that displays the status of protection against measles and/or Varicella at the time of entry into 6th Grade or its equivalent age.

Toolbar
Located near the top of your computer screen, the toolbar on your Internet browser contains several buttons, such as Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, and Home.

Tracking Schedule
A schedule of recommended vaccines, their dosage and periodicity information. The tracking schedule is used to validate a client's immunization history and makes recommendations for future vaccinations based on that history.

Transfer
Transport of vaccine inventory between two sites.

User Roles
GRITS users are categorized into hierarchical roles that determine their level of access to the functions of GRITS. The four provider roles are Administrator, Inventory Control, Typical User, and Reports-Only.

Users
Individuals who access GRITS in some way, whether it be for printing reports, entering immunization information, tracking inventory, or entering organization-specific maintenance information.

USG Form
The official University System of Georgia (USG) form, required for college students attending USG college or university, which displays the student's immunization history .

Vaccine Accountability Statement
A summary report used to calculate fiscal responsibility for vaccine that is spoiled or expired and when physical inventory is less than what is expected in inventory for a site, organization or public health district.

Vaccine Administration Record
A client report that displays demographics, contact information, immunization history, and immunization inventory available for the selected clinic site.

Vaccine Group
A category that describes one type of vaccination. For example, the vaccine trade names Engerix-B and Recombivax fall under the Hepatitis B vaccine group; whereas, Comvax falls under both the Hepatitis B and Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) vaccine groups.

Vaccine Expiration Date
The expiration date is the last day of the month listed on the vaccine vial. This is the final date the vaccine may be administered, whether the vaccine has been reconstituted or not.

Vaccine Trade Name
A unique, identifying name for a vaccine series given by the manufacturer. For example, Engerix-B is the trade name for a Hepatitis B vaccine manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline.

Vaccine Usage Report
A summary report that will give you information on how many doses of each vaccine have been given, by age, within a specified date range for a site or organization.

VFC
Vaccines For Children. A Federally funding Program in which vaccines are distributed for free to VFC-eligible children.

VFC Comprehensive Report
A summary report that displays vaccine usage by eligibility, vaccine wastage by reason and the most recent inventory count regarding VFC (public) inventory for a site.

VFC Inventory Transactions Report
A summary report that displays on the Count screen with the Vaccine Accountability Statement and VFC Comprehensive Report and details all VFC (public) inventory transactions that occurred during the last reporting period.