

Immunization records often are needed for entry into childcare, schools, camps, and new jobs, as well as travel abroad. If you are seeing a new healthcare provider, you will need this information to ensure you receive proper medical care. Providers usually count only those vaccine doses that are documented in a written record or a state or local online immunization information system (known as an "IIS," or registry). No national registry maintains this information. So, if immunization records are lost or not available, you or your child may need to repeat vaccine doses. Here are some ideas that might help you piece together old immunization records.

PLACES YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK:

- **All previous healthcare providers** – Don't forget vaccination visits you made to local public health departments or neighborhood clinics. When physicians retire or a medical practice changes hands, old patient records may be sent to a medical record storage company. You may be able to obtain records directly from the company for a fee.
- **Your home** – Look through your old papers, including baby books and school or camp forms. If you're an adult,