

Four Kansas hospitals make Hepatitis B birth dose Honor Roll; IAC celebrates 200th birthing institution enrolled

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) launched its [Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll](#) in July 2013; the 200th birthing institution was honored recently. In addition, 47 institutions have renewed their qualifications for a second—or in one case, a third—year. Honorees come from 32 states and Puerto Rico. IAC urges hospitals and other birthing institutions to look at the materials at the end of this article to investigate the criteria for inclusion and consider applying.

Congratulations to the four birthing institutions in Kansas listed in the Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll. We commend your exceptional efforts to protect infants from perinatal hepatitis B transmission.

Holton Community Hospital, Holton, KS

Reported a coverage rate of 90% from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014.

Morris County Hospital, Council Grove, KS

Reported a coverage rate of 97% from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014.

Newton Medical Center, Newton, KS

Reported a coverage rate of 91% from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014.

Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha, KS

Reported a coverage rate of 92% from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014.

Newton Medical Center and Sabetha Community Hospital were two of the three most recent institutions honored, bumping the national number to 200.

The Honor Roll is a key part of IAC's major initiative urging the nation's hospitals to [Give birth to the end of Hep B](#). Hospitals and birthing centers are recognized for attaining high coverage rates for administering hepatitis B vaccine at birth and meeting specific additional criteria. The initiative urges qualifying healthcare organizations to [apply for the Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll online](#).

To be included in the Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll, a birthing institution must have: (1) reported a coverage rate of 90% or greater, over a 12-month period, for administering hepatitis B vaccine before hospital discharge to all newborns, including those whose parents refuse vaccination, and (2) implemented specific written policies, procedures, and protocols to protect all newborns from hepatitis B virus infection prior to hospital discharge.

Source: IAC