Research Opportunity

Preceptor Name: **Sally Vernon, Ph.D.**
Campus: **Houston**

Overall grant or other program name: **Multi-component interventions to increase HPV vaccination in a network of pediatric clinics**

Briefly describe your overall research program:

We formed a collaboration of stakeholders that includes researchers, healthcare providers, patients and administrators from The University of Texas School of Public Health, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Pediatrics (TCP), a network of 48 pediatric clinics in the greater Houston area. Building on formative work, we will develop, implement, and evaluate multi-component interventions to increase initiation and completion of HPV vaccination among male and female patients in the TCP clinic network. Strategies will focus on increasing communication between parents and providers to promote parental informed decision making about HPV vaccination. We will use clinic data and technology systems currently in place to ensure sustainability and facilitate dissemination to other sites. This work will generate patient-centered communication approaches that providers may use during patient encounters that promote informed parental decision-making for the HPV vaccine.

Name of specific project in which a student will participate:

The student will participate in formative research for the development of multi-component interventions to increase HPV vaccination in TCP clinics.

Specific duties of student:

Duties may include: assisting with formative research, including qualitative (eg, focus groups, in-depth interviews) and quantitative (eg, surveys) data collection and analyses; developing intervention materials and evaluation instruments; coordinating activities with the advisory committee and other stakeholders; conducting literature searches; abstracting data from literature searches to update review tables; contributing to written project reports and papers.

This would be a good fit for someone with what major or interests?

Public health; adolescent health; infectious disease; communication strategies; developing interventions to promote immunization

Students begin June 2 (orientation day) and end either July 25 or August 8.
If you will be out for a week or more during this time, when would you be gone?
Who would serve as preceptor during your absence (name and credentials, please)?

**Erica Lipizzi, MPH, Project Director**

NB: you may submit as many research opportunities as you like, but to be competitive you should probably limit yourself to no more than three.

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