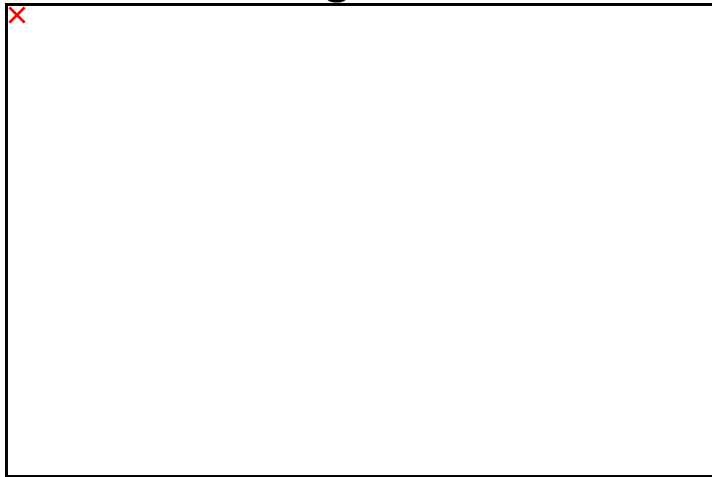


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Pharmacy staff will review medication lists and answer questions about medications at the new Refill Pick-up Site at the PX Mall. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, a good opportunity when the main clinic closes for Thursday afternoon training. Photo by Erin Stattel.

Nov. 30, 2009 -- While pundits and politicians debated healthcare policies, the folks at Dunham Army Health Clinic here were executing new services to better serve the military TRICARE community. In addition to the 6000 doses of seasonal flu shots, clinic personnel gave 1300 H1n1 flu shots to TRICARE beneficiaries.

The new PX pharmacy refill pick-up site has captured the attention of Dunham pharmacy clients. The refill

pick-up site near the Optical Center in the PX mall averages 50-60 people daily. They find no crowds, no lines, and convenience if there's shopping to do. The clinic noted that 30-50 percent of call-in refills are requesting the PX now -- and the site will easily handle more.

A special refill pick-up site day, Thursday Dec 10 from 10 am to 2 pm, will feature --

- Pharmacy staff to review your medication list and answer questions about medications
- Two formulary diabetes monitoring devices for teaching technique
- Demonstration inhalers available to guide those with asthma or COPD.

The next set of scheduled H1N1 clinics will be for active military and DoD civilians upon receipt of the DoD supplies. To date, a limited number of DoD supplies was used to vaccinate healthcare workers and CYS childcare workers: DoD top priorities.

After several weeks of scheduled H1N1 clinics for large groups of people, December will mark a move to H1N1 flu shots on a walk-in basis at the Dunham immunization clinic. Hours are weekday mornings from 7:30 am to noon; and M,T,W,F from 1 to 4:30 pm. Children who need a 2nd dose can get the shot on a walk-in basis -- with at least 28 days between shots. The clinic recommends that children who received the first dose at school get the 2nd one at school as well.

The clinic does not have the Glaxo-Smith-Kline vaccinations that have been question in the news, according to Maj. Christopher Lindner, deputy commander for allied services.

Lindner credits the clinic Soldiers and the lead NCO for nursing services, Sgt. Brandon Gilbert, for the patients' good experience with efficient flu clinics. "We sent him to a chemical-biological casualties course, and the immediate pay-off was his ability to apply what he learned about setting up a mass medical site when he set up the H1N1 clinics at Thorpe Gym," said Lindner.

Patients only see the 5 minutes to get the shot, but we have folks coding and documenting in two systems -- the Pennsylvania database and the patients' electronic records.