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"I have seen first-hand the devastation that vaccine-preventable diseases cause in children who are not immunized. We all share the responsibility to ensure every child is safe from these potentially life-threatening diseases."

Patricia (Patsy) Stinchfield, MS, RN, CPNP, is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and the Director of Pediatric Infectious Disease Services at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, one of the largest pediatric hospital systems in the US. An award-winning provider, Patsy was most recently honored in 2012 as the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner of the Year by the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP). She was the first nurse ever appointed to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, a key CDC advisory committee on developing vaccine policy for the United States and remains an active liaison member today.

After 35 years in healthcare, most of it in pediatric infectious disease, Patsy is a passionate advocate for childhood vaccines. Patsy shares her passion in an intelligent yet approachable way that resonates with parents and families, providers, and the media. She emphasizes the importance of vaccinating children for their own protection and the protection of the entire community – many of whom rely on all of us because they are too young or too immunecompromised to be vaccinated.

Patsy's undergraduate nursing degree is from Moorhead State University in Moorhead, MN and her Master's degree in Nursing and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program were completed at the University of Utah.

Patsy's proudest accomplishment is being the mother of two fully immunized college aged daughters.