



Western New York Pediatric and Adolescent Coalition

WNY Pediatric & Adolescent Coalition in collaboration with the WNY Adult Immunization Coalition remembers Dr. Richard Judelsohn. Dr. Judelsohn's untimely death at age 69 was a great loss to this community. He had a long and distinguished career as a practicing pediatrician and partner at Buffalo Pediatrics, while also serving as medical director of the Erie County Department of Health. He was a member of the NYS Immunization Advisory Council since its inception in 1994 and traveled around the world advocating vaccines.

We are pleased to announce that our coalitions will honor Dr. Judelsohn's memory yearly by presenting the "*Dr. Richard Judelsohn WNY Immunization Champion Award*" at our annual Immunization Conference recognizing a vaccine champion of the year.

This year, the recipient of this award is Trinetta Alston, LPN, of the Community Health Center of Niagara, a satellite office of CHC of Buffalo located in Niagara Falls, NY. She also assists with their sites in Lockport and Buffalo. She advocates strongly for pediatric and adolescent vaccinations within all three sites for all their young patients. She has worked diligently to increase immunization rates at the practices. An example would be every August she runs reports to determine which children need back-to-school shots and will follow-up with letters and phone calls to their parents/guardians to ensure appointments are made. As well, she is pursuing her RN licensure at this time. Kudos to Trinetta!

The award was presented at our 9TH annual immunization conference held May 21, 2015 at Samuel's Grand Manor. For more information please visit our website at: www.wnypac.org or www.immunizewny.org.