

# Patient Search: How to Find the Person You Are Looking For

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## Vermont Immunization Registry

The Immunization Registry now contains records for over 800,000 persons. We want you to be able to find the exact record you are looking for – quickly and accurately.

On a search, always enter **Last Name, First Name and Date of Birth**. If you enter just the last name, it is easy to miss the record you are looking for.

A search with all three fields will return many fewer matches, so there are less possible matches to sort through. It will find matches involving hyphenated names, or even some nicknames.

This search below is **too broad**, with many pages of possible matches:

**Search Patient**

TIP: Please do not use "wild card searches, where you enter "J" or "J\*" to find a record for "Jenkins" -- even if you have done so in the past. These searches make it easy to miss finding a record.

Best practice: enter last name AND first name AND date of birth.

First Name:  Date of Birth:


Last Name:

Identifiers:

Search Results:

	IMR Patient	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cake	Banana		4/3/2014
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cake	turkey		9/3/2015
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cake	Devils	Food	6/6/1938
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cake	Cheese		5/5/1946
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cake	Fabulously	Tasty	5/5/1956
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cake	coffee		6/25/1969
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cake	Whipped	Cream	1/1/1980
Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cake	Lentil		1/1/1980

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Using all three fields on your search may even turn up a record for someone who has changed their name due to marriage or divorce. If you search for Daisy Duck 4/4/1988, and a record for Daisy Mallard 4/4/1988 turns up – open the record. There may be a note in the preferred name field saying, “maiden name Duck.” This is this correct record.

If you have a patient who has recently changed their name due to marriage or divorce or adoption, you may change the last name in the Immunization Registry. Please be sure to use the **legal** name.

We are working hard to keep duplicate records out of our system. If you find a duplicate record, please let us know anytime by email ([imr@vermont.gov](mailto:imr@vermont.gov)) or phone toll free at 888-688-4667.

Thank you for your support of the Vermont Immunization Registry!