Redesign of Immunisation Card

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The Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) run by the Government of India. makes essential immunisation available for free to children between ages of 0 to 5 years. The mother and child protection card that contains demographic and health information as well as immunisation status of a child is an important part of UIP. For every child immunized under this program, there exists a home-based physical record as well as a clinic side copy of the same. The language, content and design of the immunisation card vary from state to state. Analysis of immunisation cards from three states-Bihar, Gujarat and Maharashtra as well as contextual inquiries conducted at primary healthcare centre in Mumbai revealed several issues faced by three types of stakeholders in the immunisation process, healthcare service providers, parents and caregivers of the child. Surveyors and policy-makers also rely on information from such cards for gathering data about the population. The redesigned card addresses problems of comprehension, the needs of various stakeholders while entering and retrieving data and practical issues such as durability of immunisation card.



