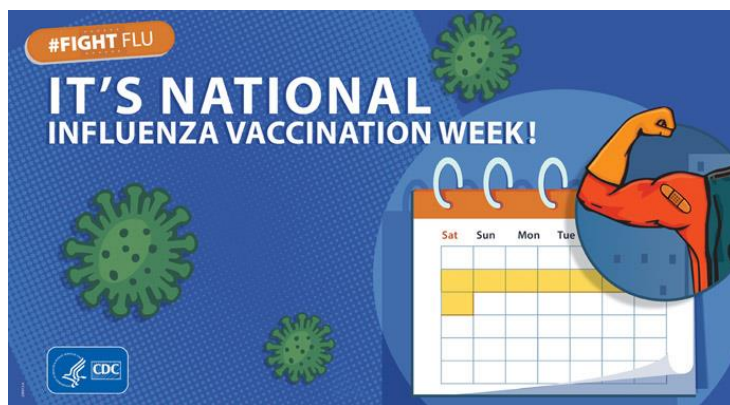




I Raise the Rates! December Edition

In this edition of I Raise the Rates (IRtR), you will find a variety of new resources from several public health partners, educational opportunities, and a selection of media articles related to immunization.

National Influenza Vaccination Week December 6-12, 2022



National Influenza Vaccination Week is a critical opportunity to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to protect themselves and their loved ones from flu this flu season by getting their annual flu vaccine if they have not already. Currently, flu activity is elevated across

the country, so this week will serve to remind people that there is still time to benefit from the first and most important action in [preventing flu illness and potentially serious flu complications](#): get a flu vaccine today.

For more immunization resources, [click here](#).

Make a Strong Influenza Vaccine Recommendation



As a healthcare professional, your strong recommendation is a critical factor in whether your patients get an influenza vaccine. Most adults believe vaccines are important, but they need a reminder from you to get vaccinated. After making your recommendation, follow up with each patient during subsequent appointments to ensure they receive an influenza vaccine. If a patient still is unvaccinated, repeat the recommendation and try to identify and address any questions or concerns.

SHARE the reasons why an influenza vaccine is right for the patient given his or her age, health status, lifestyle, occupation, or other risk factors.

HIGHLIGHT positive experiences with influenza vaccines (personal or in your practice), as appropriate, to reinforce the benefits and strengthen confidence in influenza vaccination.


ADDRESS patient questions and any concerns about influenza vaccines, including side effects, safety, and vaccine effectiveness in plain and understandable language. Acknowledge that while people who get an influenza vaccine may still get sick, there are studies that show that the illness may be less severe.

REMIND patients that influenza vaccines help protect themselves and their loved ones from serious influenza illness and complications that can result in hospitalization or even death for some people.

EXPLAIN the potential costs of getting influenza, including potential serious health effects for the patient, time lost (such as missing work or family obligations), financial costs, and potentially spreading influenza to more vulnerable family or friends.

[Learn More](#)

Apply Now - ACP Quality Improvement Initiative




I Raise the Rates

A national campaign to increase influenza and adult immunization rates.
Become an ACP Quality Champion and learn the skills to lead a quality improvement (QI) initiative to increase vaccination rates in your practice!

[Apply Now](#) to receive:

High Quality Education

- Free registration to the [QI Champion Leadership Training Precourse](#) on April 26, 2023 in San Diego, CA (\$400 value plus \$1,000 travel stipend for two members from your practice)
- Access to the [ACP Advance QI Curriculum](#), [training videos](#), and tailored educational resources
- Earn more than 54 CME and ABIM MOC credits



Increase vaccination

Reduce disparities

Promote vaccine confidence

APPLY NOW Opportunity to participate in ACP Quality Improvement Initiative to Increase Adult Influenza Immunization Rates ACP is recruiting internal medicine and subspecialty practices and residency programs to participate in the I Raise the Rates quality improvement programs to increase influenza and adult immunization rates. ACP's I Raise the Rates program, which is supported by funding from CDC, provides QI education and virtual coaching support from ACP Advance expert coaches to support increased adult immunization

coverage. The program also offers access to a virtual learning community, tailored educational offerings, including free registration to QI precourse at the 2023 ACP Internal Medicine meeting in San Diego, CA, as well as the opportunity to earn more than 54 CME and ABIM MOC credits for program participants.

The deadline to apply is March 1, 2023. Please click the button below to access the recruitment flyer for more information about participation benefits and requirements, as well as the application link.

[Access the Recruitment Flyer Here](#)

Call For Submissions

Submit your abstract today to be considered for the following opportunities:

- ACP Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Award
- Quality and Well-being Champion Poster Sessions

Each year, ACP's Center for Quality recognizes member achievement and contributions to promote quality and well-being. We invite current and past participants of ACP's quality improvement and well-being programs to submit an abstract for consideration to receive the annual ACP Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Awards and/or present an electronic poster at the Annual Quality and Well-being Champion Networking Reception. These events will be held during the 2023 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting in San Diego, CA.

- ACP Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Award: the ACP Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Awards celebrate the accomplishments of ACP Advance QI program participants and their contributions to improving patient care and outcomes. These awards will be presented at the Annual ACP Advance Quality Improvement Luncheon on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm PT.

- **Quality and Well-being Champion Posters:** the annual Quality and Well-being Champion Reception is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your QI or well-being initiatives and network with fellow champions. Poster presenters will have the opportunity to present their project outcomes to ACP Governance and Leadership, ACP Advance coaches, faculty, and fellow QI and Well-being Champions. The reception will take place on Friday, April 28, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm PT.

Please see attached submission form for more information. The deadline for submissions is December 16, 2022. Award winners and poster presenters will be notified by January 31, 2023. Please contact ACPQI@acponline.org with any questions.

[Access the Submission Form Here](#)

Featured Articles and Resources

Increased Respiratory Virus Activity, Especially Among Children, Early in the 2022-2023 Fall and Winter



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory about early, elevated respiratory disease incidence caused by multiple viruses occurring

especially among children and placing strain on healthcare systems. Co-circulation of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza viruses, SARS-CoV-2, and others could place stress on healthcare systems this fall and winter. This early increase in disease incidence highlights the importance of optimizing respiratory virus prevention and treatment measures, including prompt vaccination and antiviral treatment.

[Learn More](#)

Vaccine Candidates for RSV Ward Off Severe Illness in Older Adults



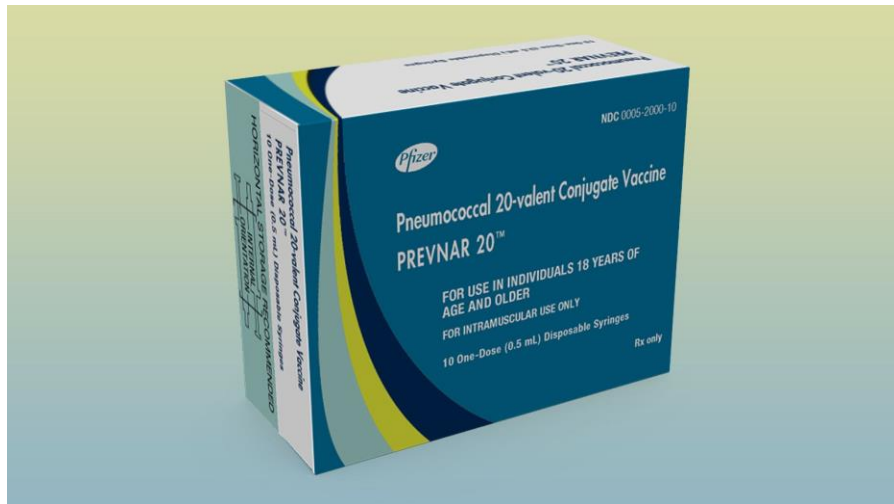
Prefusion F protein vaccine candidates for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) proved safe in adults 60 and up while demonstrating an ability to thwart lower respiratory tract illness, including severe cases, a pair of large phase III trials showed.

A single dose of an RSV prefusion F protein vaccine (RSVPreF3 OA) yielded a vaccine efficacy of 82.6% against lower respiratory tract illness (96.95% CI 57.9-94.1), meeting the study's primary endpoint, and vaccine efficacy landed at 94.1% against severe RSV illness (95% CI 62.4-99.9), reported Michael Ison, MD, MS, of Northwestern

University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, at the annual IDWeek meeting.

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ACIP Backs Recs for New Pneumococcal Vax in Previously Immunized Adults



The CDC's vaccine advisors updated their recommendations to clarify when to administer the 20-valent conjugate pneumococcal vaccine (PCV20; Prevnar 20) in adults who previously received the 13-valent conjugate vaccine (PCV13; Prevnar 13).

In adults 65 and up who have completed their vaccine series with both the PCV13 and 23-valent polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23; Pneumovax 23), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted 13-2 to recommend shared decision-making to determine whether to give PCV20 at least 5 years after their last dose of pneumococcal vaccine.

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