



## I Raise the Rates! February 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.

### Prioritizing Flu Vaccines: A Cardiologist's Perspective

Featuring:  
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**NEW Video** Available as part of ACP's Increasing Adult Vaccinations: A Subspecialist's Perspective video series. Subspecialists share the rationale for raising immunization rates among patients with high-risk chronic conditions.

## 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.

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## New Immunization Video Series

*ACP Adult Immunization Video Series 2023*



*Sandra Adamson Fryhofer MD, MACP*

*Highlights from ACIP's NEW  
2023 Adult Immunization Schedule*



**NEW** Video Series from ACP Providing Highlights from ACIP's 2023 Adult Immunization Schedule

The following videos from Dr. Sandra Fryhofer, MD, MACP explains what's new for 2023, including:

- Highlights from ACIP's 2023 Adult Immunization Schedule
- Updated COVID-19 Vaccines for Adults
- Flu Vaccine Primer 101: What's in that Shot?
- New (Preferred) Influenza Vaccine Recommendations for Older Adults
- New (Refined) Pneumococcal Vaccination Recommendations

## Review the 2023 Adult Recommended Immunization Schedule

*MMWR*: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices  
Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Ages 19 Years or Older-United States, 2023 ([HTML](#) or [PDF](#))

*Annals of Internal Medicine*: Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule, United States, [2023](#)



### Preorder Laminated Versions of the CDC's 2023 Immunization Schedule

- Immunize .org's laminated versions of the 2023 U.S. child and adolescent immunization schedule and the 2023 U.S. adult immunization schedule are available for preorder and will ship in early March.
- Printable schedules are available at no cost on the CDC website, but [Immunizer.org](#)'s printed laminated version are ideal and durable for yearlong use.
- Visit the [Shop Immunize.org: Laminated Schedules](#) web page to view images of all the pages, to download the order form, and to order today!

## Featured Articles and Resources

**Transforming the way cancer vaccines are designed and made**



A new way to significantly increase the potency of almost any vaccine has been developed by researchers from the International Institute for Nanotechnology (IIN) at Northwestern University. The scientists used chemistry and nanotechnology to change the structural location of adjuvants and antigens on and within a nanoscale vaccine, greatly increasing vaccine performance. The antigen targets the immune system, and the adjuvant is a stimulator that increases the effectiveness of the antigen.

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## **Communicating with caregivers about the Human Papillomavirus vaccination: facilitator's guide**



This guide is designed to accompany the training module, Communicating with caregivers about the Human Papillomavirus

vaccination: a tool to build confidence in communication skills among health workers. It provides detailed explanations, resources, guidance and training activities to accompany the slides in the training module and support those implementing the training. It is intended for facilitators who will be conducting the training either in-person or online. Facilitators can use this guide to help them adapt the training content to their local context and facilitate discussion with training participants. Facilitators are encouraged to have this guide available to them as a tool during the training session.

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## After Long Delay, Moderna pays N.I.H. for Covid Vaccine Technique



Moderna has paid \$400 million to the government for a chemical technique key to its vaccine. But the parties are still locked in high-stakes dispute over a different patent.

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