



## I Raise the Rates! October 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.

### Updates from the American College of Physicians (ACP)

#### NEW ACP High Value Immunization Referral Toolkit



Every member of the healthcare team has a role to play in raising immunization rates. Access ACP's new High-Value Immunization Referral Toolkit, a resource designed to facilitate more effective and collaborative immunization referrals among those within the immunization neighborhood. Access ACP's NEW High-Value Immunization Referral Toolkit [here](#).

For more immunization resources, visit [www.acponline.org/ai](http://www.acponline.org/ai)

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**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



**[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](mailto:ACPQI@acponline.org) with any questions.

[Access the Submission Form Here](#)

## ACIP Meeting Updates

On October 19th and 20th, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met to develop and approve recommendations on pneumococcal vaccination for adults as well as approve 2023 immunization schedules. Additionally, ACIP reviewed data for multiple vaccines currently in the works, including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), meningococcal, dengue, and chikungunya vaccines.

[Access the ACIP Live Meeting Archive by Clicking Here](#)

## Featured Articles and Resources

### Flu-Related Hospitalizations Highest in 10 years



Flu season is making an early comeback as flu-related hospitalizations are the highest in over a decade for this point in the season, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There have been an estimated 880,000 cases of lab-confirmed influenza illnesses, 6,900 hospitalizations, and 360 flu-related deaths nationally this season, according to data released on Friday.

H3N2 is the predominant viral strain currently spreading. Previous seasons with mostly H3N2 viruses have been of higher severity, particularly for older adults and young children, the CDC says. It's still too early to tell if this trend will continue.

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## Vaccine Candidates for RSV Ward Off Severe Illness in Older Adults

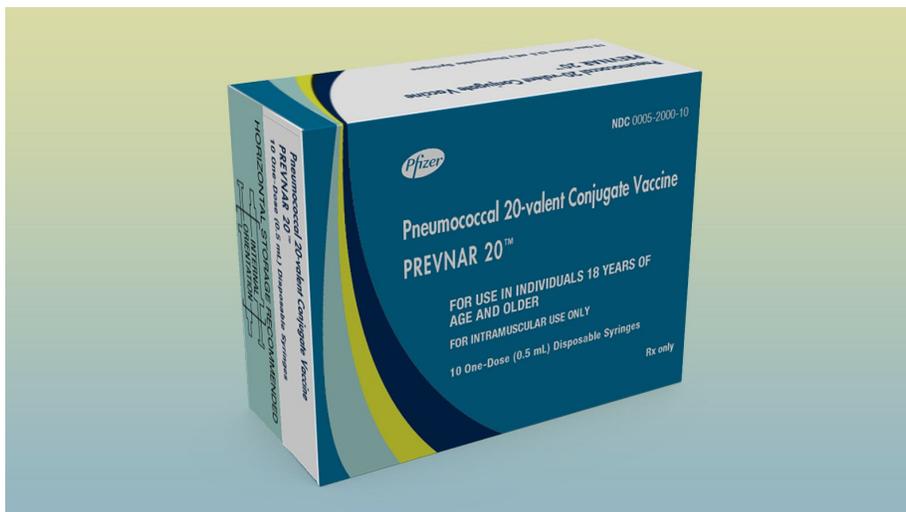


Prefusion F protein vaccine candidates for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) proved safe in adults 60 and up while demonstrating an ability to thwart lower respiratory tract illness, including severe cases, a pair of large phase III trials showed.

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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**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.

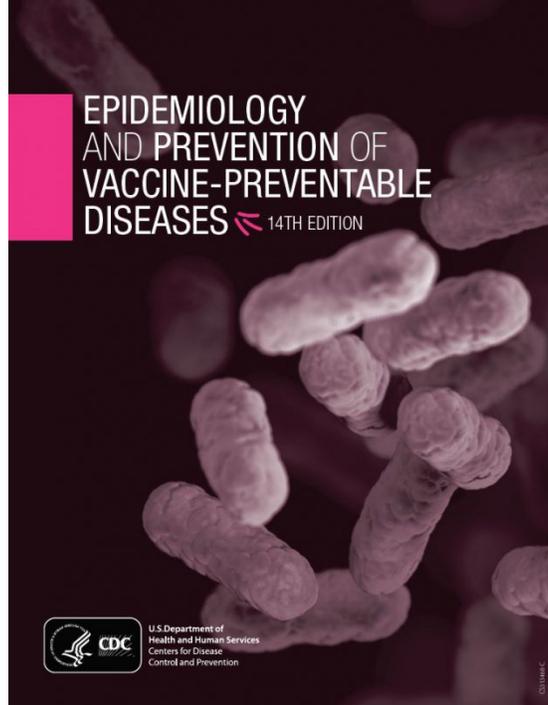
**ADDRESS** patient questions and any concerns about influenza vaccines, including side effects, safety, and vaccine effectiveness in plain and understandable language. Acknowledge that while people who get an influenza vaccine may still get sick, there are studies that show that the illness may be less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



Sarah Schillie, MD, MPH, MBA, Communication and Education Branch (CEB), Immunization Services Division (ISD), National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), provides an update on this vaccine-preventable disease and the vaccines used to protect against it. Suzanne Johnson-DeLeon moderates this session.

There is no registration process to view this presentation. Questions about the material presented can be submitted to [nipinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:nipinfo@cdc.gov).

A new video will be released every Tuesday through November 1, 2022. Join us on November 1st for the Dengue presentation.

[Access the Pink Book Influenza Webinar Here](#)

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