



RIZE Monthly

A newsletter for **Rise to Immunize**[®], AMGA Foundation's national campaign aimed at improving routine adult immunization rates



June 2024 Edition

We're just two months away from Rise to Immunize[®] (RIZE) Action Month! Held in conjunction with National Immunization Awareness Month, this annual observance aims to mobilize campaign participants to take action to advance our goal of 30 million vaccines administered by 2027 through comprehensive and equitable vaccine initiatives.

To participate in RIZE Action Month, we encourage you to assemble your immunization team for a meeting (in-person or virtual) during the month of August. We will provide all the materials you need for this meeting. Groups will discuss how to engage specialists to improve immunization rates.

Since every event is better with food, RIZE will reimburse [participating AMGA members](#) up to \$100 if you'd like to provide a snack, meal, or coffee for your team (or gift cards for food or refreshments, if your team is meeting virtually). **Schedule your RIZE Action Month meeting and let us know that your team plans to participate by completing the [RSVP form](#).** All the materials and information needed to conduct your RIZE Action Month meeting will be available on the [RIZE Action Month webpage](#) in July.

[RSVP](#)

As always, please don't hesitate to contact RiseToImmunize@amga.org with questions or for support.

Best,
- The RIZE Team

Expanding & Extending the Campaign

As you know, we're **expanding the campaign** to include the option for three additional adult vaccine measures: **RSV**, **COVID-19**, and **hepatitis B**. The campaign will **extend through 2027** to allow you to continue your journey with RIZE, focus on additional vaccines of your choosing, and hardware improvements.

Groups will be able to begin [data reporting](#) on the new measures in the first data report of Measurement Year 4, which is due Oct. 15, 2024. If you are ready to commit to reporting one or more of the expansion measures, complete the [measure upgrade form](#).

If you have any questions about the expansion/extension, please don't hesitate to contact RiseToImmunize@amga.org. Additionally, our team is available to set up a brief call with your organization to discuss the measure upgrade in more detail.

Webinar Preview

"Hepatitis B 101"



Avish Nagpa, MD, MPH

The June webinar will feature [Avish Nagpal, MD, MPH](#), and [Andrea Polkinghorn, BSN, RN-BC](#), from Sanford Health. Dr. Nagpal is an infectious disease specialist and the medical director for infection prevention and control. Ms. Polkinghorn is the enterprise immunization strategy leader. In this role, she provides oversight to ensure standardization of immunization practices and appropriate implementation of guidelines. Ms. Polkinghorn is also responsible for providing ongoing immunization education for staff. She serves as the board president for Immunize South Dakota, a network of community partners working to increase immunizations.



Andrea Polkinghorn, BSN,
RN-BC

[Join us](#) on June 20 to learn from Dr. Nagpal and Ms. Polkinghorn about the hepatitis B vaccine.



Upcoming Dates

Jun. 20 – Monthly campaign webinar: "Hepatitis B 101" at 2 pm ET ([Register](#))

Jul. 15 – Deadline to submit quarterly data report ([Learn More](#))

Jun. 18 – Monthly campaign webinar: "COVID-19 101" at 2 pm ET ([Register](#))



Campaign Spotlight

This month we spotlight [AMGA's Health Equity Trailblazer Pledge](#). The pledge acts as a transformative instrument for medical groups and health systems to embed health equity at their core and begin creating equal access for everyone. The pledge serves as a reaffirmation of AMGA member groups' dedication to holistic approaches to health and well-being, which are crucial in improving the lives of individuals facing inequities and systemic barriers. As a part of the commitment, groups are asked to develop or implement a specific activity or initiative in the coming year that directly addresses health disparities and inequities. Many of you are already implementing vaccine initiatives that include health equity components, which qualifies as an activity for the pledge! To become a Health Equity Trailblazer complete [the pledge](#) today and email it to HealthEquity@amga.org.



Resource of the Month

The on-demand webinar, "[Paving the Way for Medicare Part D Vaccine Administration in Clinics: A Care Journey Roadmap, Benefits and Solutions](#)," offers valuable insights on implementing and optimizing Medicare Part D vaccines at your organization. Through this webinar, you can:

- Review the current state of Medicare vaccines
- Learn about barriers to implementing Medicare Part D vaccination programs outside of the traditional pharmacy pathway
- Explore potential alternative pathways, allowing for in-clinic administration of Medicare Part D vaccines
- Examine tools and resources to help you identify, plan, and execute a Medicare Part D vaccination pathway

This webinar is sponsored by RIZE Founding Sponsor, Pfizer Inc., and features Ishaq Lat, PharmD of CPS Solutions (McLaren), and AMGA member Matthew Malachowski, PharmD, of Ochsner Health.



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