



# RIZE Monthly

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



## March 2023 Edition

In February, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) posted the [2023 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule](#). This schedule is an essential tool to help you determine recommended vaccinations by age, assess need for additional vaccinations by medical condition or other indication, review vaccine intervals, and evaluate contraindications and precautions for vaccine type. Updates to the schedule include but are not limited to:

- Inclusion of a sub-bullet in the “Routine Vaccination” section stating that any of the quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine, or quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine are preferred for adults aged 65 years or older;
- Revision to the pneumococcal note reflecting the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice’s (ACIP’s) new recommendations for the use of PCV15 and PCV20 in persons who previously received pneumococcal vaccines;
- Change to the zoster vaccination note providing guidance for patients with serologic evidence of prior varicella susceptibility, and guidance for persons with immunocompromising conditions who do not have a documented history of prior varicella infection, varicella vaccination, or prior herpes zoster;
- Addition of COVID-19 vaccine recommendations.

As partner Immunize.org notes in a recent [article](#), “The number of vaccines, new age and medical condition indications for vaccines, and new vaccines on the horizon all point to the critical need for establishing systemwide programs that implement routine adult immunization for adult patients.” Thank you for leading this cultural shift from a seasonal approach to vaccinations to a year-long, comprehensive effort that protects more adults from vaccine-preventable diseases!

We look forward to seeing many of you and hearing about your organization’s immunization goals at [AMGA’s Annual Conference](#) Mar. 28-30 in Chicago!

As always, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us at [RiseToImmunize@amga.org](mailto:RiseToImmunize@amga.org).

Best,  
- The RIZE Team

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## Webinar Preview

### "Vaccine Equity: Putting Strategies into Practice"



We’re excited to feature three health equity trailblazers in our March Webinar: [Laura Lee Hall, PhD](#), from the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF), [Sandra Quinn, PhD](#), from the University of Maryland, and [Iyabode \(Yabo\) Beysolow, MD, MPH, FAAP](#), a pediatrician and vaccine public health expert with a focus on vaccines. Dr. Hall is founder and president of NMQF’s Center for Sustainable Health Care Quality and Equity (SHC). Under Dr. Hall’s leadership, SHC has launched a variety of national health initiatives to reduce disparities and improve health equity. Dr. Quinn is professor and chair of the Department of Family Science and senior associate director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity at the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland. Dr. Quinn’s research focuses on COVID-19 and flu vaccine acceptance among African Americans and other communities of color. Dr. Beysolow is an immunization subject matter expert with more than 20 years of experience as a practicing pediatrician and a former Medical Officer in the Immunization Services Division of the CDC. She is a health educator, and as a health consulting business owner, she provides technical expertise to international, national, and local organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of Immunization Managers, and Immunize.org.

[Join us](#) on March 16 to learn more from Drs. Hall, Quinn, and Beysolow about putting vaccine equity into practice!

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## Upcoming Dates

**Mar. 16** – Monthly Campaign Webinar – “Vaccine Equity: Putting Strategies into Practice” at 2 pm ET ([Register](#))

**Mar. 28–31** – AMGA’s 2023 Annual Conference in Chicago ([Learn More](#))

- **Mar. 30** – “RIZE Meet & Greet Breakfast” at 6:45 am CT in Randolph 1AB

**Apr. 14** – Deadline to submit quarterly data ([Learn more](#)).

**Apr. 20** – Monthly Campaign Webinar – “Vaccinations and Chronic Conditions” at 2 pm ET ([Register](#))

**Apr. 24-30** – World Immunization Week ([Learn More](#))

**Apr. 27** – RIZE Bonus Webinar – “Prioritizing Respiratory Health in Your Adult Patients” at 2 pm ET ([Register](#))



## Campaign Spotlight

The [RIZE Pneumococcal Vaccination Best Practices Collaborative](#) (Pneumococcal Vaccination Collaborative) is launching in April! This 12-month initiative is engaging a subset of campaign participants on improving pneumococcal vaccine rates among high-risk patients and is being led by AMGA Foundation’s Population Health Initiatives team. The eight member groups taking part in the collaborative are Houston Methodist Physician Organization, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, McFarland Clinic, PC, Norton Medical Group, Olmsted Medical Center, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Sharp-Rees Stealy Medical Group, Inc., and St. Elizabeth Physicians. We’re looking forward to disseminating the insights, best practices, and lessons learned from these groups participating in the Pneumococcal Vaccination Collaborative!



## Resource of the Month

[Adolescent Immunization Action Week](#) (AIAW), an initiative led by RIZE’s partner Unity Consortium, will be held April 3–7! While the RIZE campaign focuses on adult immunizations, we recognize the importance of immunizations for any patient population – especially adolescents – as this has shown to improve the health of adults and improve immunization rates for all patient populations. We encourage RIZE members to take part in this year’s AIAW! The initiative reminds healthcare professionals to get adolescents and young adults up to date on their immunizations. Check out the [AIAW website](#) to see how you can get involved.



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