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The Rise to Immunize™ (RIZE) team is excited to announce that the campaign has been selected as the National Winner of the 2023 National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS) "Influenza Season" Immunization Champion award! This award recognizes innovative activities related to seasonal influenza vaccination across the lifespan and/or among healthcare workers related to improving influenza vaccination.

RIZE was selected because of the impressive impact you all have made across your communities. As you know, in Year 1, campaign participants administered and/or documented more than five million vaccinations – including 3,799,935 influenza vaccines (ages 19+) – and provided comprehensive immunization care to more than 60,000 adults ages 66+. Our successful first year demonstrates the power of the 81 participating medical groups and health systems to work together and collectively improve adult immunization rates. This prestigious recognition belongs to each of you for your commitment to prioritizing immunization care at your respective organizations!

To learn more about how RIZE can continue to support you on your immunization improvement journey, we want your feedback! We ask that at least one contact at your organization respond to a short survey, which should only take 3–6 minutes to complete. Share your feedback before the survey concludes on Friday, May 19! Please only complete the survey if you are affiliated with an AMGA member organization participating in the campaign.

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

Best,
- The RIZE Team

Webinar Preview

"Closing Care Gaps Through Patient Outreach"

The May webinar will feature Andrea Giamalva, MD, medical director, primary care, and Jennifer Kuroda, quality improvement manager, of UW Health Northern Illinois. Dr. Giamalva is a family physician with special interests in preventative care, chronic conditions, women’s health, and child/adolescent health. Ms. Kuroda has 15 years of healthcare quality improvement experience and strives to advance patient care, including through reducing vaccine-preventable diseases with immunizations. Together, they have been a key part of implementing effective patient outreach interventions to close immunization care gaps among patients at UW Health Northern Illinois.

Join us on May 18 to learn from Dr. Giamalva and Ms. Kuroda about closing care gaps through patient outreach.

Upcoming Dates

- **May 18** – Monthly Campaign Webinar – "Closing Care Gaps Through Patient Outreach" at 2 pm ET (Register)
- **May 19** – Deadline to complete RIZE survey (Take Survey)
- **Jun. 15** – Monthly Campaign Webinar – "Lessons Learned from a RIZE High Performer" at 2 pm ET (Register)

AMGA members enrolled in RIZE had the opportunity to meet fellow participants, network with peers, and engage with campaign leadership at AMGA’s Annual Conference at the end of March in Chicago. RIZE participants joined us for breakfast, where they were able to celebrate campaign progress and make great connections with peer groups from across the country. We know many RIZE groups left the conference energized to bring new ideas back to their teams. A special thank you to everyone who took the time to share their best practices and form new connections!

This month’s resource of the month is the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF) Center for Sustainable Health Care Quality and Equity’s (SHC) Champions for Total Health webpage. This webpage features resources to close immunization care gaps and advance vaccine equity in a variety of focus areas. Check out the webpage for vaccine equity resources related to cancer, heart disease, diabetes, aging, Black maternal health, and more.