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# Rise to Immunize<sup>®</sup> Monthly Webinar

Adult Immunization Strategies: June ACIP Insights and EHR-Driven Patient Identification

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July 17, 2025



### Campaign Updates

- RIZE Action Month
- Campaign Spotlight: CSL Seqirus
- Data submission updates
- Adult Immunization Strategies: June ACIP Insights and EHR-Driven Patient Identification
  - Kent Hunter, PharmD (Pfizer)
  - Christopher Russo, MD (WellSpan Health)
- Q&A Session



# Today's Webinar

## **Webinar Reminders**





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- Will be sent via email
- Will be available on website

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 Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation

### RIZE Action Month August 2025



#### I'm vaccinated because...





RiseTolmmunize.org

### **Resources**

- "I'm vaccinated because..." Sign
- Sign Examples from AMGA Staff
- Staff Email Template
- Participation Guide
- Reimbursement Form

#### **RiseToImmunize.org/ActionMonth**

## **RIZE Action Month Staff Sign Examples**





## **Sponsor Update**





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### **Blinded Comparative Report**



### Available **August 26<sup>th</sup>** on our RIZE Data Dashboard!

Adds Q2 2025 to previous report



#### **AMGA Webinar: Reminder Recall and EHR**

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#### July 17, 2025

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**Overview** 



### Benefits

- May be lower cost than other outreach efforts
- Can be customized
   for different audiences
- Able to measure process and impact easily
- ✓ Able to automate and repeat

#### **Caveats**

- May require investment of time from IT or EHR professionals
- Patients often saturated with digital messages
- ✓ Digital technology may not be accessible to some patients

## **Example 1: Pediatric MMR Vaccine Gap**



### **Problem to Solve**

How can we work to improve the rates of MMR vaccination in order to help protect against a measles outbreak?

### Background

- Measles cases are rising in the United States<sup>1</sup>
- The best protection against measles is vaccination<sup>2</sup>
- Two doses are needed<sup>3</sup>

#### Approach

Offer parent/caregiver the opportunity to vaccinate their unvaccinated or undervaccinated child for MMR.

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Measles cases and outbreaks. June 13, 2025. Accessed June 18, 2025. https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/index.html 2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vaccination is the best protection against measles. Accessed June 18, 2025. https://www.fda.gov/consumer-updates/vaccination-best-protection-against-measles 3. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Measles vaccine recommendations. September 20, 2024. Accessed June 18, 2025. https://www.cdc.gov/measles/hcp/vaccine-considerations/index.html

## **Example 1: Pediatric MMR Vaccine Gap**



<b>Objective/Goal of</b> Outreach	catch children up who never received MMR or who are incompletely protected		
EHR Tool/Functionality Used	foundational Epic functionality (Epic MyChart Patient Portal)		
Frequency of Outreach	once		
Metric(s)	closure of MMR care gap		
Personalization	stratified by receipt of 0 or 1 MMR dose		
Dashboards used	none		

## **Example 1: Pediatric MMR Vaccine Gap**



- 2,850 messages sent
- 66 completed MMR care gap
- 35 scheduled nurse visit

#### **All Conversations: Measles Reminder**

Measles is very contagious and can be deadly for children who are not vaccinated. A single dose of the measles vaccine results in immunity in 93% of people, and a booster dose increases that to 97%. If your child has not received the measles vaccine or has not received their booster, please click <u>here</u> to schedule.

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### **Problem to Solve**

How can we work to improve the rates of influenza vaccination to reduce infant flu and related deaths?

### Background

- During the 2024-2025 flu season, there had been at least 216 pediatric flu deaths<sup>1</sup>
- All eligible children 6 months and older should receive a flu vaccine<sup>2</sup>

#### Approach

Offer parent/caregiver the opportunity to vaccinate their unvaccinated child for flu.

**1.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Measles cases and outbreaks. June 13, 2025. Accessed June 18, 2025. https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/index.html **2.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vaccination is the best protection against measles. Accessed June 18, 2025. https://www.fda.gov/consumer-updates/vaccination-best-protection-against-measles **3.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Measles vaccine recommendations. September 20, 2024. Accessed June 18, 2025. https://www.cdc.gov/measles/hcp/vaccine-considerations/index.html



<b>Objective/Goal of</b> <b>Outreach</b>	improve pediatric flu vaccination rates
EHR Tool/Functionality Used	automated message using Cheers
Frequency of Outreach	2 times during flu season
Metric(s)	closure of flu gap; number of scheduled visits
Personalization	message tailored to practice
Dashboards used	campaign-specific reports



#### 1<sup>st</sup> message:

#### "Protect your crew: schedule your family's flu shots online today"

#### Online Scheduling for Flu Shots

9/18/24 10:15 AM

Did you know that flu is more dangerous for children than the common cold, especially for children under the age of 2? Each year, the flu leads to thousands of children needing to be admitted to the hospital.

As flu season approaches, we want to remind you of the importance of getting your child vaccinated against the flu. The best way to protect your child is by getting their flu vaccination beginning when they are 6 months or older. Children need three doses of the flu vaccine before the age of 2 to ensure the best protection.

Flu shot appointments are now open with a trusted WellSpan primary care provider - and with online scheduling, getting your family's flu shots couldn't be easier.

epichttp://scheduling?workflow=Procedure&selRfvId=16[Click here] to choose a convenient appointment time and location.

WellSpan offers the flu shot from September through May. Getting your child vaccinated early during the flu season is key, as it takes about two weeks from getting the vaccine for your child's immune system to be activated fully. Act now to take care of your child's health and help prevent the spread of the flu through our schools and communities.

Your WellSpan provider's office is always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

We look forward to seeing you soon and keeping you and your family healthy this flu season.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> message:

### *"Flu season is still here: schedule your family's flu shot online today"*

#### Online Scheduling for Flu Shots

11/8/24 2:16 PM

It's not too late to get protected. We are still a long way from the end of flu season and getting a flu shot is a safe and essential part of keeping your family healthy.

Did you know that flu is more dangerous for children than the common cold, especially for children under the age of 2? Each year, the flu leads to thousands of children needing to be admitted to the hospital.

As we head into winter and the rest of flu season, the best way to protect your child is by getting their flu vaccination beginning when they are 6 months or older and getting at least two flu vaccinations before they turn 2 years old.

Flu shot appointments are open with a trusted WellSpan primary care provider – and with online scheduling, getting your family's flu shots couldn't be easier.

epichttp://scheduling?workflow=Procedure&selRfvId=16[Click here] to choose a convenient appointment time and location.

Already had your flu shot? epichttp://healthadvisories[Click here] to update your Preventive Care reminder for the Influenza vaccine.

We look forward to seeing you soon and helping you and your loved ones stay healthy this flu season.



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No pinned items	Radiology	>
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	Enterprise Change Admin	>
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	Identity Tools	>
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Flu Shot Visits Scheduled Online

Slices: Scheduled Online?, Months; Visits filtered by Registry Membership, Appointment Statu...



Slices: Months; Health Maintenance Topic Records filtered by Registry Membership,...

49% scheduled online and completed visit

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## **Example 3: Rotavirus Compliance**



### **Problem to Solve**

How can we help improve the completion of the rotavirus vaccination?

### Background

- Rotavirus vaccine series must be started before 15 weeks of age and finish by 8 months<sup>1</sup>
- Failure to complete rotavirus series has been reported as the #2 reason for failure on HEDIS childhood immunization quality measure for WellSpan pediatric patients

### Approach

Create and run a report monthly identifying at-risk children to facilitate outreach to family and scheduling.

**1.** Immunize.org. Ask the experts: rotavirus vaccine recommendations. June 7, 2023. Accessed June 18, 2025. https://www.immunize.org/ask-experts/topic/rotavirus/vaccine-recommendations-rotavirus/

## **Example 3: Rotavirus Compliance**



<b>Objective/Goal of</b> <b>Outreach</b>	identify where scheduling process failed and would lead to vaccination metric failure		
EHR Tool/Functionality Used	Reporting Workbench identifies patients		
Frequency of Outreach	weekly		
Metric(s)	vaccination completion		
Personalization	tailored to individual vaccination gap		
Dashboards used	none		

## **Example 3: Rotavirus Compliance**



DOB	Age (wks)	Last Appt	Last Day for Dose 1	Last Day for Dose 2	Last Day for Dose 3	Next Appt	Doses Rec'd	Status
09/30/23	31.57	04/11/24	01/12/24	04/30/24	05/30/24	05/11/24	2	none
10/01/23	31.43	03/27/24	01/13/24	05/01/24	06/01/24	07/02/24	2	CONTACT

- EHR report created for front-office staff
- Staff runs each month to identify patients at-risk

Patients Identified	Patients Scheduled	Success Rate
113	59	52.2%

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### **Problem to Solve**

How can the system reduce potentially avoidable Emergency Department (ED) visits through patient empowerment?

### Background

- Many ED visits could have been safely managed in another setting
- Patients may not be aware of other options for care
- Patients may not be able to schedule with a primary care office

### Approach

Target patients after an avoidable ED visit with messaging through EHR



<b>Objective/Goal of</b> <b>Outreach</b>	reconnect patients to a primary care home to prevent a future avoidable Emergency Visit		
EHR Tool/Functionality Used	Automated message through EHR using Cheers		
Frequency of Outreach	once		
Metric(s)	number of appointments scheduled		
Personalization	<ul> <li>those with a system primary care home</li> <li>those without a system primary care home</li> </ul>		
Dashboards used	Total Cost of Care dashboard		



#### Thank You for choosing Wellspan

While it's never fun when you have an urgent or emergency care visit, we thank you for entrusting your care to us. We're here to provide expert, compassionate care when and where you need it.

Our Urgent Care and Emergency Department locations are great for immediate needs. But did you know a primary care doctor can play an important role in your ongoing health: We invite you to experience the easy, convenient access of primary care doctors and practitioners, right here where you live.

Start your relationship today.

Schedule an Appointment Now

#### Caring for your like family.

#### Wellspan Primary Care provides care:

When you're sick with a cold, flu, allergies and other illnesses and injuries.

For chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Coordinating preventative care such as immunizations, annual physicals and well-child exams/school physicals.

#### Getting the care you need is easy!

Same-day or next-day appointments when you're sick

Evening and weekend appointments Coordinated care among our large, comprehensive network of doctors and specialists

24/7 online access to appointment scheduling via the medical app.

Schedule an Appointment Now

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Age Range	# of Automated Outreaches	# of Appointments Scheduled	Success Rate
< 5	565	38	6.7%
5-12	610	25	4.1%
12-18	99	6	6.1%
18-35	3,925	187	4.8%
35-50	2,662	173	6.5%
50-65	1,903	236	12.4%
65+	1,482	293	19.8%

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## **Example 5: Infant Safe Sleep**





1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sudden unexpected infant death and sudden infant death syndrome. September 17, 2024. Accessed June 17, 2025. https://www.cdc.gov/sudden-infant-death/data-research/data/index.html

## **Example 5: Infant Safe Sleep**



<b>Objective/Goal of</b> <b>Outreach</b>	safe sleep education
EHR Tool/Functionality Used	Automated message with education link through using Cheers
Frequency of Outreach	multiple time points throughout first six months of life
Metric(s)	messages viewed
Personalization	message sent from primary care
Dashboards used	(none)

## **Example 5: Infant Safe Sleep**



#### All Conversations: Safe Sleep Day 6

Click the link below to learn more about safe sleep. <u>How to handle outside advice</u>

- 18 messages sent starting day after discharge to 56 days of life
- 8,206 campaign messages sent
  - > 1,873 messages viewed (23%)
  - > 370 distinct patients
  - Approximately 7 views per patient

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#### All Conversations: Rest (a little) easier with safe sleep for baby

Congratulations on your new arrival! We're thrilled for you during this exciting time and here to support you and your growing family throughout the days and months ahead.

While you're already doing plenty of things to ensure the safety and development of your newborn, few are as important as using safe sleeping practices.

In the coming weeks we'll be sharing some short video links with you about safe sleep for baby. We encourage you to watch each video to make sure you are up to date with the latest guidelines.



#### **Problem to Solve** Background Approach Catch children who There is no safe level of lead How can we increase the number of children in a child's blood<sup>1</sup> had the opportunity for lead testing we test for lead Lead toxicity causes permanent exposure? but did not have cognitive and behavioral it performed deficits<sup>2</sup> Testing is recommended for all children at 9 and 24 months of age<sup>3</sup>

1. US Department of Agriculture. WIC Works Resource Systems. Blood lead levels in children – information from the CDC. Accessed June 17, 2025. https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov/resources/blood-lead-levels-children-information-cdc 2. HealthyChildren.org. Blood lead levels in children: what parents need to know. Accessed June 17, 2025. https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/all-around/Pages/Blood-Lead-Levels-in-Children-What-Parents-Need-to-Know.aspx 3. Michigan Quality Improvement Consortium Guideline. Routine preventive services for infants and children (birth - 24 months). March 2024. Accessed June 17, 2025. https://www.mahp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/mqicroutinepreventiveservicesforinfantsandchildrenbirthto24monthsFINAL2024.pdf



<b>Objective/Goal of</b> <b>Outreach</b>	improve lead testing rates
EHR Tool/Functionality Used	automated message using Cheers
Frequency of Outreach	up to four messages
Metric(s)	percentage requesting lead testing
Personalization	stratified by whether upcoming appointment scheduled
Dashboards used	none



**1**<sup>st</sup> **message** (with no appointment scheduled)

### *"It's time to schedule your child's lead test."*

#### Generic Mychart

Your child's health is your top priority and at WellSpan we share that commitment. That's why we're reaching out to remind you that it's time to schedule Lauren's lead test.

Lead poisoning is a serious issue that can affect a child's brain development and cause lifelong health problems. Nearly 20% of children screened have elevated levels of lead in their body without us even knowing. However, the good news is that lead poisoning is entirely preventable and treatable.

At WellSpan, we've made it easy for you to have your child tested for lead poisoning. Simply <u>schedule</u> a wellness visit at your child's pediatrician's office, where a simple heel or finger prick will be done.

We understand you may have questions. If you'd like to learn more about the importance of lead screening, click the link below and a member of our team will reach out to you.

Thank you,

Your care team at WellSpan Family Medicine - Dallastown

1 task to complete

Learn more about Lead Testing

**1**<sup>st</sup> **message** (with <u>upcoming</u> appointment scheduled)

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If you'd like to include a lead screening at Lauren's upcoming visit, please click the link below to let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at Lauren's next visit.

Thank you,

Your care team at WellSpan Family Medicine - Dallastown

1 task to complete

Add lead testing to appointment

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> message

#### "Your child is due for their lead test"

#### 1 New message



If you'd like to include a lead test at Sixtest's next visit, please <u>click here</u> to let us know. (If you don't have an upcoming visit you can schedule one after asking for the test.)

We understand you may have questions. If you'd like to learn more about the importance of lead screening, click the link below and a member of our team will reach out to you.

We look forward to seeing you at Sixtest's next visit.

Thank you,

Your care team at WellSpan Internal Medicine - Apple Hill

1 task to complete

🖸 Learn more about Lead Testing



- 4 sites piloted
- 241 patients received messages
- 18% requested lead testing

"Please schedule your child's
lead test"

3<sup>rd</sup> message

#### Mywellspan

We're reaching out to help you schedule Sixtest's lead test.

Lead exposure can have a significant impact on a child's development, with the potential to cause permanent harm to the brain and long-term health issues. Nearly 20% of screened children have elevated lead levels, often without any symptoms. With the help of lead screenings, lead poisoning is preventable and treatable when caught early.

If you'd like to include a lead test at Sixtest's next visit, please <u>click here</u> to let us know. (If you don't have an upcoming visit you can schedule one after asking for the test.)

We understand you may have questions. If you'd like to learn more about the importance of lead screening, click the link below and a member of our team will reach out to you.

Thank you,

Your care team at WellSpan Internal Medicine - Apple Hill

1 task to complete

Learn more about Lead Testing

#### 4<sup>th</sup> message

#### "Your voice matters to WellSpan"

#### Mywellspan 3:28 PM

Over the past month we reached out to you about the importance of lead testing. We understand that everyone has their reasons for not taking us up on the offer, and that's okay. What's important is that we learn how to serve you better.

Please click the link below to complete this very short survey. Your feedback will help us reach out to you in ways that truly resonate with you.

Thank you for helping WellSpan serve you better.

1 task to complete

MyWellSpan Feedback

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## **Upcoming Webinar**







Date/ Time: Thursday, August 21st at 2pm ET

**Presenters:** Robert H. Hopkins, Jr., MD (National Foundation for Infectious Diseases) and Carolyn Bridges, MD, FACP (Immunize.org)

## **Questions?**





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