

August designated National Immunization Awareness Month

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(HealthDay)—In order to remind adults of the importance of

immunizations throughout life, August is being recognized as National Immunization Awareness Month, according to a report from the American College of Physicians (ACP).

The ACP encourages [adults](#) to get annual flu vaccines to protect against [seasonal flu](#), and to discuss other vaccinations with their internist. Other vaccinations that adults might need include tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis; [pneumococcal vaccines](#); human papillomavirus; hepatitis B; and herpes zoster.

In addition, the ACP is offering other resources to internists to help increase [immunization rates](#), including webinars and videos discussing the latest vaccine recommendations for adults; ACP quality connect coaching calls for physicians; ACP adult immunization and quality improvement training program for residents; and the ACP practice advisor adult immunization module, which is a practice management tool to enhance patient care.

"Immunizations guard against serious health problems, hospitalization, and even death," Nitin Damle, M.D., president of the ACP, said in a statement. "National Immunization Awareness Month is the perfect time for internal medicine physicians to make sure that their patients are up-to-date on the latest recommended adult immunization schedule."

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