

Article suggests clinicians should encourage patients to vote

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An article published in the *Journal of Hospital Medicine* notes that voter engagement is linked to health and well-being and that clinicians can help to empower patients and their families by encouraging them to

register to vote.

The authors describe how to introduce the topic of voting during clinical encounters, and they offer several strategies to help patients and families engage civically.

"There is growing evidence connecting voting to health, and voting can impact policies that shape the social determinants of health," said lead author Margaret N. Jones, MD, of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. "By encouraging all patients to vote, and by voting themselves, [healthcare providers](#) can help build an inclusive democracy and promote health equity."

More information: Margaret N. Jones et al, Vote like your health depends on it: Voter engagement in the healthcare setting, *Journal of Hospital Medicine* (2022). [DOI: 10.1002/jhm.12851](https://doi.org/10.1002/jhm.12851)

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