

# August is Immunization Awareness ... Month!

## August is National Immunization Awareness Month.

Resources that may be helpful:

The Renal Network Web site also contains immunization information that is helpful for staff when educating patients on the importance of immunizations. It also contains pandemic resources.

<http://www.therenalnetwork.org/>

The Kidney Patient News Web site includes information regarding flu shots, downloadable booklets and other links about immunizations.

<http://www.kidneypatientnews.org/flu.html>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site includes information on vaccines and immunizations. It also provides an overview of National Immunization Awareness Month and why immunizations are important. There are also additional resources and information regarding meetings, conferences, training, and education.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/default.htm>

CDC Web site also contains an article [Guidelines for Vaccinating Kidney Dialysis Patients and Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease](#) that provides kidney patients with guidelines for vaccinations including Hepatitis B and Influenza vaccines.

[http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/downloads/b\\_dialysis\\_guide.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/downloads/b_dialysis_guide.pdf)

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Web site contains a guide for adults with chronic kidney failure or a kidney transplant and provides the reasons why vaccinations are needed and how the vaccinations work.

<http://www.kidney.org/atoz/atozItem.cfm?id=122>

Medline Plus provides information on their Web site about Hepatitis B.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hepatitisb.html>

The link below will go to a printable poster to put up in your unit regarding Hepatitis B vaccines for kidney patients.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/cgi/medlineplus/leavemedplus.pl?theURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ecdc%2Egov%2Fvaccines%2Fpubs%2Fvis%2Fdownloads%2Fvis%2Dhep%2Db%2Epdf>

The Immunization Action Coalition Web site contains many journal articles for your review regarding kidney patients and immunizations. <http://www.immunize.org/dialysis/>

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