

Get Out The Vote:

Physician Voter Advocacy Toolkit

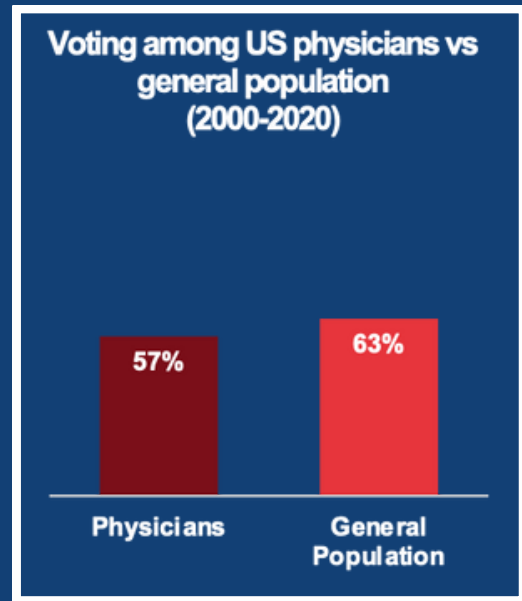
MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

Voting impacts health & healthcare.

Physician voter turnout rates have historically been lower than those of the general population.

Fewer physicians vote during midterm election years compared to presidential election years.

Physician voter turnout has improved over time. Yet, a significant proportion of physicians still do not vote.*



This year, ensure you have a plan to vote!



Check your voter registration status & ensure it is up to date.

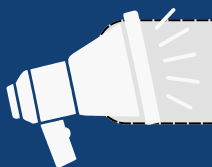
Know your state's voting requirements & deadlines for:

- Voter registration
- Requesting an absentee ballot
- Early & mail-in voting



Research who is on your ballot & any ballot measures.

Locate your polling place or ballot return location.



Spread the word & encourage others to make a plan to vote.

BE A VOTER ADVOCATE

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As a physician, you can help reduce barriers to civic engagement & enhance health equity through non-partisan voter engagement.



Use a **Vot-ER badge to facilitate patient voter registration.**

www.vot-er.org

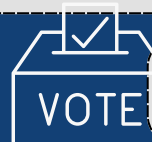
Help hospitalized patients request an emergency absentee ballot.

www.patientvoting.com



Work with your health system to distribute & post non-partisan, multilingual voter registration resources.

Encourage patients & colleagues to make a plan to vote.



Host a voter registration drive at your school or hospital.

When & how can I vote?

Check your state-specific dates for registration, voting, & special elections.

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Voter registration deadlines.

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Early voting deadlines.

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Mail-in & absentee ballot deadlines.

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Primary & special election dates.

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General election dates.

NON-PARTISAN RESOURCES FOR VOTING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

● Getting ready to go out & cast your ballot

One-stop-shops for voting & ballot resources:

- www.vote411.org
- www.vote.org
- www.ballotready.org
- www.rockthevote.org

Key voting information & dates:

- **How to vote from abroad:** www.usvotefoundation.org
- **Early voting dates:** www.usvotefoundation.org/early-voting-dates
- **Primary election dates:** www.usvotefoundation.org/primary-election-dates

Guides to candidates' stances on key issues:

- <https://justfacts.votesmart.org>
- <https://guides.vote>
- www.factcheck.org

● Helping your patients' voices be heard

Healthcare civic engagement resources:

- www.vot-er.org
- www.patientvoting.com
- www.civichealthalliance.org

Non-English voting resources

- **Language access resources from the Elections Assistance Commission:** www.eac.gov/language-access-resources
- **¡Ve y Vota!** campaign to provide voting information to Spanish-speaking voters: www.naleo.org/es/vota/
- **Civic engagement organization focused on educating & engaging Latinx voters:** <https://votolatino.org>

● Protecting the right to have free & fair elections

Voter protection resources:

- www.866ourvote.org
- www.lwv.org
- www.fairvote.org

Voting and public health resources:

- **Healthy People 2030, "Civic Participation:** <https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/civic-participation>
- **Nonpartisan public health and civic engagement initiative working towards inclusive democratic participation:** www.healthydemocracyhealthypeople.org
- **ACP toolkit on voter registration and equitable access to elections:** www.acponline.org/advocacy/state-health-policy/toolkit-voter-registration-and-equitable-access-to-elections

NON-PARTISAN RESOURCES FOR PHYSICIAN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

● Policy statements on voting as a social determinant of health & protecting equitable access to voting:

AMA policy statement, “Support for Safe and Equitable Access to Voting H-440.805” (2022):

- policysearch.ama-assn.org/policyfinder/detail/voting?uri=%2FAMADoc%2FHOD.xml-h-440.805.xml

ACP policy statement, “Ensuring Equitable Access to Participation in the Electoral Process” (2023):

- Katelan Cline, David Hilden, Micah Beachy, et al. Ensuring Equitable Access to Participation in the Electoral Process: A Policy Brief From the American College of Physicians. *Ann Intern Med.*2024;177:68-69. [Epub 26 December 2023].doi:10.7326/M23-2293

APHA policy statement, “Advancing Health Equity through Protecting and Promoting Access to Voting” (2022):

- www.apha.org/policies-and-advocacy/public-health-policy-statements/policy-database/2023/01/18/access-to-voting

● Select commentaries on voting and health:

Commentary on voting as a social determinant of health (Jun. 2024):

- www.physiciansweekly.com/recognizing-voting-as-a-social-determinant-of-health/

Commentary on integrating voter registration and education into health care delivery (Jan. 2023):

- catalyst.nejm.org/doi/abs/10.1056/CAT.22.0368

Commentary on the impact of elections on health and healthcare delivery (Sept. 2024):

- immattersacp.org/archives/2024/09/elections-directly-impact-health-and-health-care-delivery.htm

VOTE!