



The Rx:Vote Campaign

Getting Involved

National Partners

National Physicians Alliance (NPA)

American Medical Students Association (AMSA)

National Association of Community Health Centers-Community Health Vote (NACHC)

American Public Health Association- Student Assembly (APHA-SA)

Project Vote

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And growing...

What is the Rx:Vote Campaign?

The Rx:Vote Campaign is an unprecedented **nonpartisan** effort by doctors, students, health advocates, and nonprofits to bring the voter registration movement directly to patients in the nation's clinics and hospitals. Our long-term goal is to engage the health care community to increase knowledge of vital health issues and to increase civic participation among patients and those who care for them. This inaugural year, a broad coalition is sharing resources to conduct voter registration drives in clinics across the nation.

Why is this important?

Without exercising the right to vote, patients and those who care for them lack the power to improve the health of their communities. As a result, patients' health, and the health of our democracy, suffer. The nation's community health centers, clinics, and hospitals have a unique ability and responsibility to empower patients to participate in the democratic process and advocate for vital health reform.

Addressing Common Concerns:

Q: When will this happen? **A: Sept.8-12, 2008**
Staffed by NPA, AMSA, and APHA members, coordinated Rx:Vote voter registration drives will kick-off in clinics across the nation the week of September 8th-12th.

Q: Are we allowed to do this? **A: YES!**
Non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations can operate voter registration drive if they do so in a non-partisan manner. In fact, the National Voter Registration Act encourages all non-governmental entities to register their clients. As a non-profit, doctor, or student with the Rx:Vote Campaign, you cannot take a position on candidates, but you can register people to vote.

Q: Do we have the resources to do this? **A: Yes!**
With support from physician groups like the NPA, students from AMSA and APHA will staff voter registration drives in participating clinics. Clinics without volunteers can still participate by simply having voter registration forms available in waiting rooms. For those clinics and doctors who want to incorporate voter registration into their clinic workflow, Rx:Vote can help.

Q: Will patients be interested? **A: yes!**
The experience of the Rx:Vote Campaign is that patients want to vote and in fact do vote when barriers to exercising this basic right are removed. Studies show that 70% of those registered to vote by volunteer efforts in welfare and food stamp offices actually go to the polls and vote in presidential elections. Our patients are often disconnected from community life. Voting helps them reconnect with their community in a positive way.

How do I get involved? **A: Visit www.rxvote.org and join! We'll make it easy!**

Doctors and Clinics:

We'll help you [get voter registration forms](#) for waiting rooms and [connect with students and local partners](#) who can staff drives in your clinic.

Health Professional and Undergraduate Students:

We'll help connect you with local clinics and hospitals to help patients exercise the right to vote!

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