



The Rx:Vote Campaign

Volunteers: How To Register Patients to Vote

Step 1: Post RxVote Flyers in your clinic

(available for download at www.RxVote.org or <http://www.amsa.org/RxVote/>)

Step 2: Determine Voter Eligibility

Ask all visitors if they wish to register to vote while they wait in waiting rooms or meet in groups. This provides assurance to visitors that residency status is not an issue we are verifying. Non-citizens are not eligible, cannot participate in elections, and are not encouraged to respond. **Clearly state: "You will receive services whether you register to vote or decline to register today."**

1) Ask "Are you registered to vote?"

1a) If YES, ask "Do you still live at the same address you provided when you registered to vote? (If Yes, SKIP to Step 5)

If "NO" to either #1 or #1a, ask:

- 2) Are you a US Citizen?
- 3) Are you a resident of this state?
- 4) Will you be 18 years of age or older by **November 4th, 2008**?
- 5) Do you certify that you are NOT on parole (or probation)** for a felony conviction? ** Check [state felony voting rights](#) to confirm (available online)

If "YES to 2-5 above, the person is eligible and should mark YES to .

Step 3: Give Voter Registration Form

Use county forms when possible. Or print and use the [National Voter Registration Form](#).

1) Ask "Would you like assistance in completing your voter registration form today?"

If NO, remind person to complete, sign and mail form **before your [state deadline](#)**.

If YES --> If you help someone fill out the registration card, follow Step 4 instructions

Step 4: Help Complete the Voter Registration Form

- 1) You have to fill in, sign and date the form in the spaces provided.
- 2) Fill out ALL required information (missing or incomplete)
- 3) You may not fill in blanks on the form unless the person registering asks for help
- 4) Use ballpoint pen and USE CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS
- 5) **ID is required** Enter Driver's License or ID Card info. If not available, enter last four (4) digits of person's Social Security number.
- 6) The person registering should review and sign the form
- 7) a) **Complete the Registration Form Receipt and give it to the voter**
b) **Mail the signed forms within three (3) days*** to the address provided on the form (*Check [state requirements](#) for return deadlines) Explain that they can mail it in, but assure them that you are turning in many people's cards and can make sure that theirs gets to the right place in time.

Step 5: Help Get out The Vote!

- 1) Get permission to contact them with election and polling place information.
- 2) Complete the contact info on the Rx Vote Tracking Spreadsheet (available online)
- 3) Remind the voter **TO BRING THEIR ID to the polls**. Check [state ID requirements](#). Remember, in no state is a voter who cannot produce ID turned away from the polls—all states have some sort of recourse for voters without identification to cast a vote.

FAQs (check with your [secretary of state](#) to confirm answers to FAQs)

Q: Foreign born? If a person is foreign born US citizen, print the full name of the country (no city names) in spaces provided

Q: Homeless? Describe location of residence where indicated (e.g. Corner of Oak and 1st st. Los Angeles). Then, where indicated, include the person's mailing address where election material can be sent.

Q: Unable to sign? Have the patient make an "X". Then place brackets around the X, print the word "His" or "Her" above the X and "Mark" below it. Then put the person's first (and middle initial) to the left of the X and last name on the right. Enter the date.

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National Association of
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(APHA-SA)

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