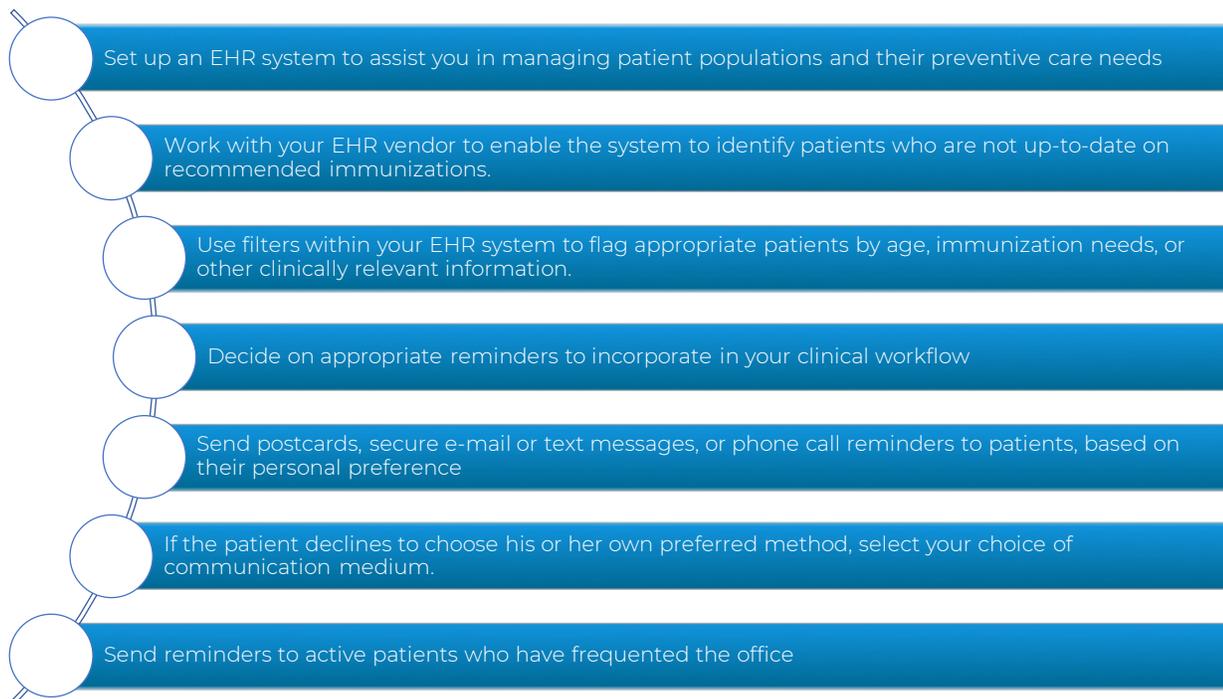


# Using EHRs for Vaccine Reminders

The [Community Preventive Services Task Force](#), an independent, nonfederal panel of public health and prevention experts, [recommends](#) reminder and recall interventions to increase vaccination rates in children, adolescents, and adults. Reminder and recall interventions are used to remind patients that vaccinations are due (reminders) or late (recall). Reminders and recalls may be delivered by various methods including telephone, letter, postcard, text message, immunization information systems (IIS), and EHRs/EMRs. Most reminder and recall notices are tailored for individual patients, and many include educational messages about the importance of vaccination. Using reminder recall programs is also a way to achieve a core [Meaningful Use](#) objective.

The graphic below provides some tips to help you effectively utilize reminder recall programs in your clinical workflow<sup>1-3</sup>. Start by educating your staff about what patient reminders involve. **Please visit the Let's Vaccinate website ([LetsVaccinate.org](http://LetsVaccinate.org)) for examples of reminder postcards that you can customize for your patients.**



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