GET YOUR FLU SHOT!
Remember that it takes 2 weeks to build immunity after getting the flu shot!! We recommend you get a flu shot at the latest in October.

HEP C SCREENING
In a recently issued draft recommendation, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening adults ages 18-79 for Hepatitis C infection. 

CALIFORNIA VACCINE LAWS
SB277 passed in 2015, and eliminated all non-medical vaccine exemptions. Fake medical exemptions started to appear. SB276 was introduced in 3/2019 to put strict oversight on medical exemptions. In 9/2019, SB276 bill passed in both Assembly and Senate. However, Governor Newsom asked for a set of amendments before signing. So they repurposed an older bill SB714 as follows:
1. Only medical exemptions from MDs/DOs.
2. Keeps the documentation requirement of SB276
3. NEW: MEs before Jan 1 2020 can continue without hindrance UNTIL they reach the next gate: daycare entry is first gate, then kinder entry, then 7th grade entry.

NEW: Perjury provision is gone.
NEW: Medical exemptions issued prior to January 1, 2020, shall not be revoked unless exemption was issued by a physician that has been subject to disciplinary action by the board.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB714&fbclid=IwAR2wV2YY0KTwT3hTLhmJ7ku715fNQ6BAiSEMtqWoaYkc4LAuvgy2LnDatuc

Question of the Month
What is thought to be the most effective way of sharing the importance of vaccines with your vaccine hesitant patients?
Believe it or not, it is not always to give them a list of facts. Instead, share patient stories as noted on this great website. http://www.shotbyshot.org/

Did you know?
There are new IDSA Asymptomatic Bacteriuria Guidelines https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/civ1121

ID website for resources: http://www.venturafamilymed.org/rotations/infectious-disease