



Vaccination of Patients with Immune-Mediated Diseases

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Patients with immune-mediated diseases are at increased risk of developing infections, due to disease-related immune dysfunction and applying of immunosuppressive drugs. Additional factors of increased infection risk include disease activity, malnutrition, surgical interventions, and concomitant chronic diseases, such as obesity, diabetes mellitus, atopic dermatitis, asthma, and others. Biologic therapy with and without immune suppressors can reliably control inflammatory activity in many patients with immune-mediated diseases. Infections are the most common complications associated with biological treatment and immune suppressors. Vaccination is a well-known and effective tool, which allows for reducing the frequency and severity of infectious episodes, and indirectly might reduce the risks of disease flare and failure to achieve remission, and significantly improve disease course and outcomes. This research topic is devoted to theoretical and practical experience of vaccinations of immune mediated pediatric and adult diseases.





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