

Special Issue

Varicella and Zoster Vaccination

Message from the Guest Editor

In temperate climates such as the UK, many children have experienced varicella by the age of 10 years and by adulthood in excess of 90% of the population has evidence of prior VZV infection. In tropical zones, VZV infection tends to occur in individuals of older age groups. Effective vaccines are available to prevent varicella; however, uptake has been variable following concerns that varicella vaccination may result in increased cases of zoster later in life. Recently, zoster vaccines have also become available. In this Special Issue, varicella and zoster epidemiology will be addressed together with the benefits of vaccination, both in relation to differing geographical regions and in the face of new infectious challenges (SARS-CoV-2) and associations with neurological diseases.

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