

Vaccination advice for immunosuppressed patients (Active disease and/or those on DMARDs)

Vaccination should always be postponed if the patient is suffering from an acute illness but does not need to be for a minor infection without a fever.

Vaccination in patients with autoimmune disease should ideally be administered during stable disease.

Immunosuppressed patients can safely receive the following vaccinations (which are not live):

- Polio (inactivated polio vaccine is available – make sure it's not live)
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Haemophilus influenza (Hib)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Mantoux test
- Meningococcal A
- Meningococcal C
- Rabies
- Tetanus
- Typhoid (injection)
- Typhoid/Hep A combination (injection)
- Pertussis
- Pneumococcal
- Influenza

Immunosuppressed patients should not receive the following live vaccines:

- BCG
- Polio (oral)
- Yellow fever
- Typhoid (oral)
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)