

Immunisation against infectious disease

Chapter 34 Varicella

Update

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Contraindications

The vaccine should not be given to:

- immunosuppressed patients. For patients who require protection against chickenpox, seek advice from a specialist
- ~~women who are pregnant. Pregnancy should be avoided for three months following the last dose of varicella vaccine (see below)~~
- women who are pregnant. Pregnancy should be avoided for one month following the last dose of varicella vaccine (see below)

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Precautions

Unless protection is needed urgently, immunisation should be postponed in acutely unwell individuals until they have recovered fully. This is to avoid confusing the differential diagnosis of any acute illness by wrongly attributing any sign or symptoms to the adverse effects of the vaccine.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

~~Women who are pregnant should not receive varicella vaccine and pregnancy should be avoided for three months following the last dose.~~

Women who are pregnant should not receive varicella vaccine and pregnancy should be avoided for one month following the last dose.

p.427 in Figure 34.1

The flow chart the box which reads:

“Informed consent for vaccination, advice to avoid salicylates for six weeks, pregnancy for three months, and to consult occupational health department if post-vaccine rash appears”

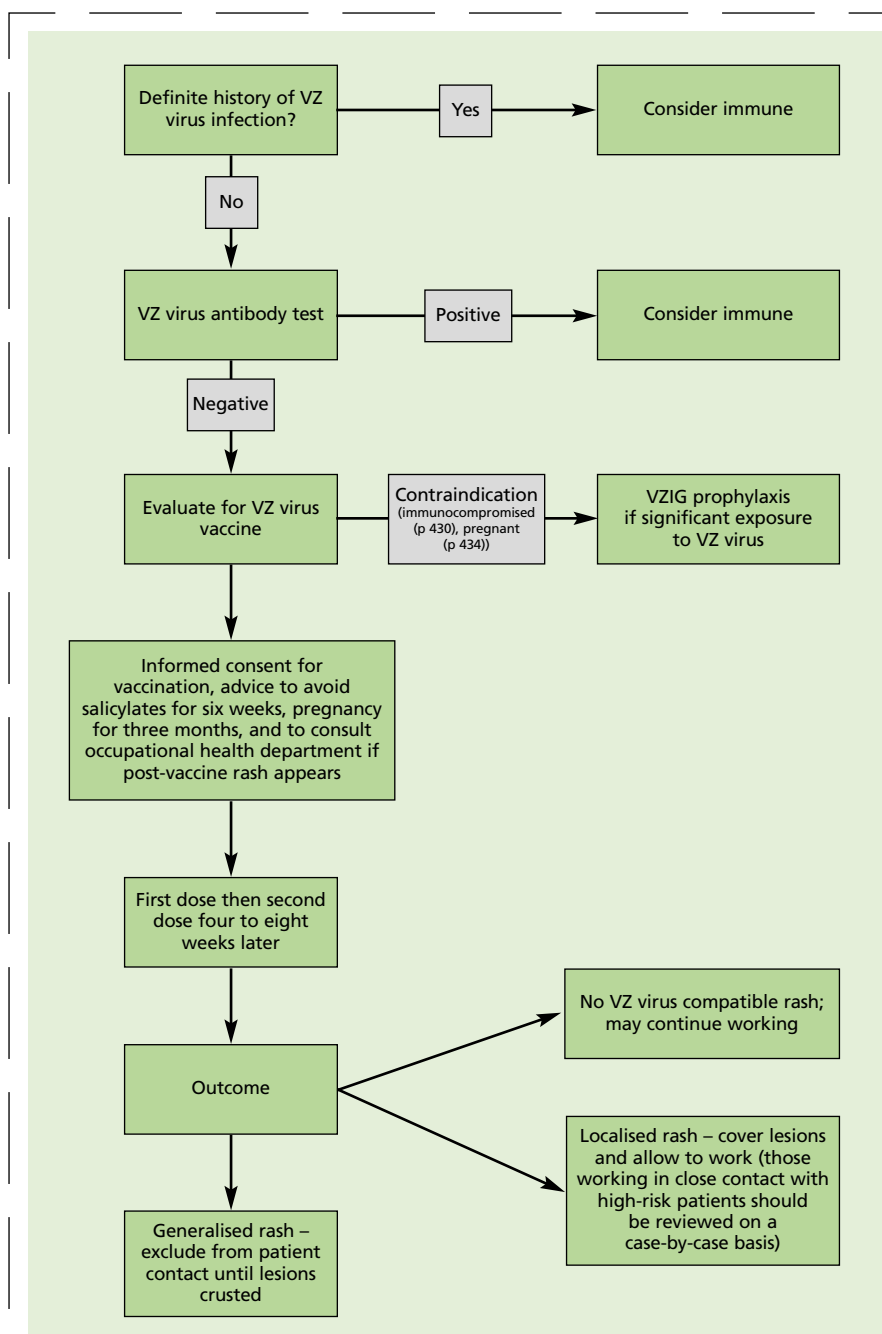


Figure 34.1 Procedure for vaccinating healthcare workers

Should be changed to read:

“Informed consent for vaccination, advice to avoid salicylates for six weeks, pregnancy for one month, and to consult occupational health department if post-vaccine rash appears”

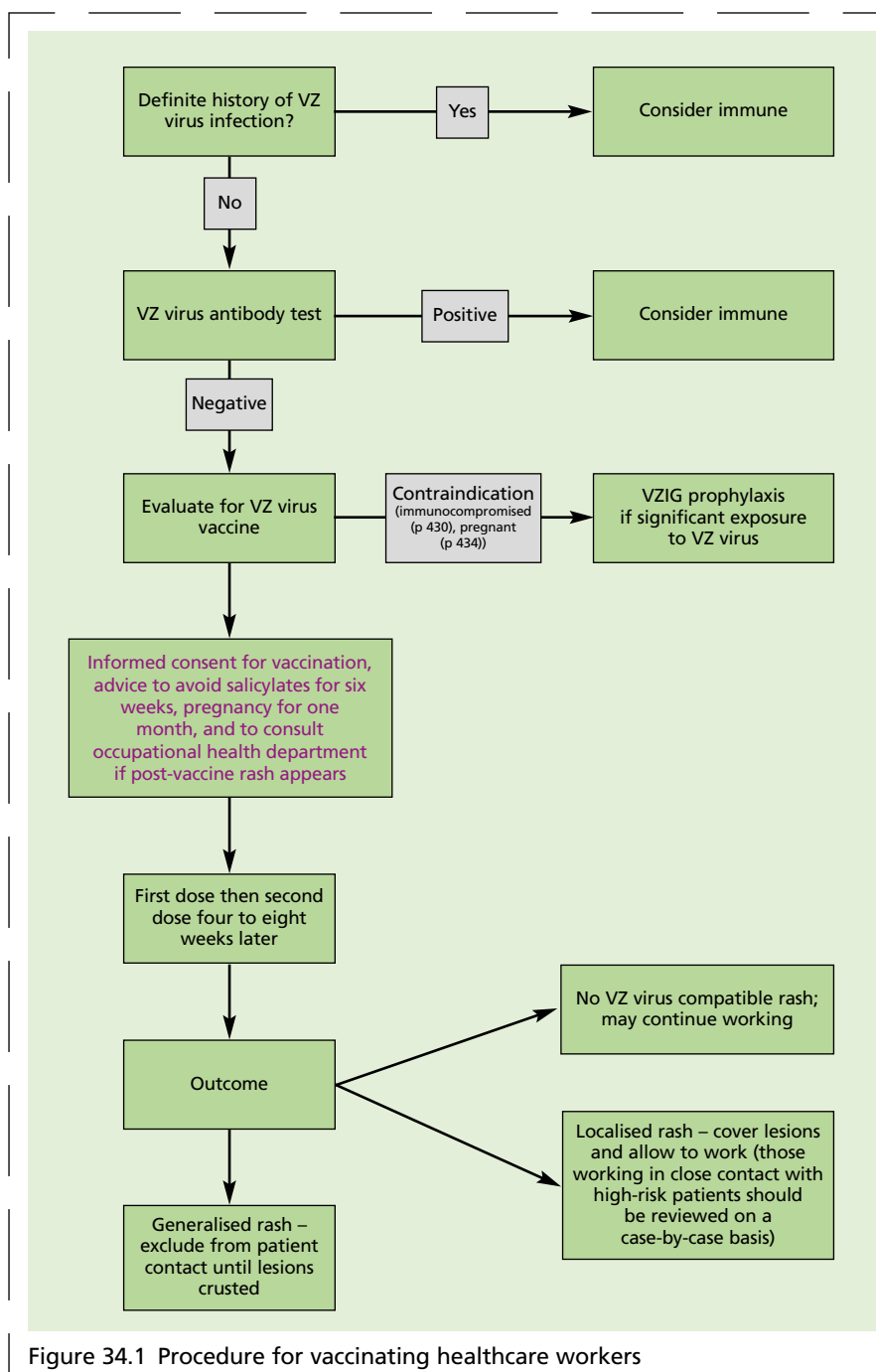


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