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# Getting shot: Vaccinations in SOT

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# Objectives

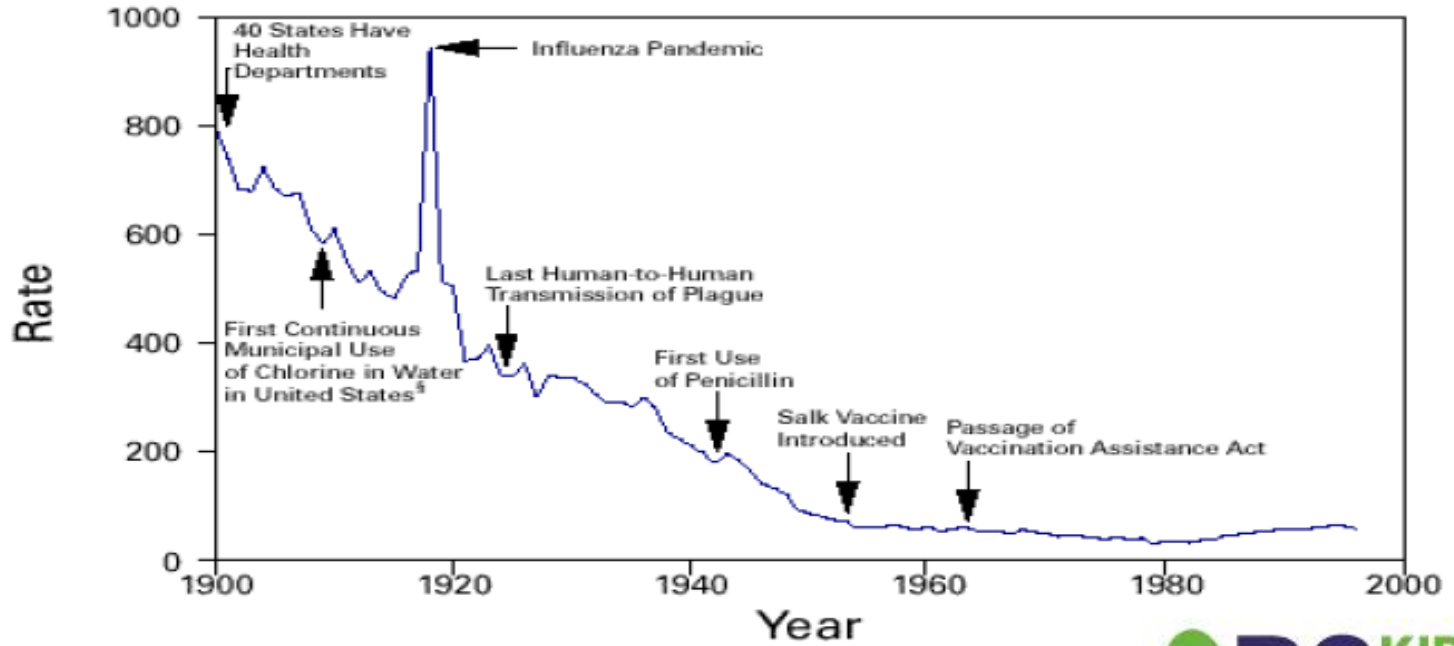
- Identify the appropriate vaccinations for patients in the pretransplant setting
- Discuss the challenges and limitations with vaccination in the post-transplant setting

# Case

- 37M (DOB: 1978)
- Received 1 MMR as child
  - May, 2013 – Measles serology <150 (negative)
  - No additional MMR given
  - Renal transplant Oct, 2013
- Feb, 2015 – Wants to visit Disneyland
  - Now what?

# History of Infectious Disease

FIGURE 1. Crude death rate\* for infectious diseases — United States, 1900–1996†



\*Per 100,000 population per year.

# SOT

- Vaccine preventable diseases cause major morbidity and mortality in SOT
  - IS suppresses T/B cell immunity
  - More infections, more severe infections
- Updating vaccine status is a critical part of pre- and post-transplant care

# Which vaccines?

- Serology can be done for:
  - HAV & HBV
  - MMR
  - VZV
  - Rarely others (e.g. tetanus)
- Other routine vaccines:
  - Pneumococcus
  - Influenza
  - Tdap

# Influenza

- Seasonal viral infection
  - Two main human subtypes A >>> B
- Causes severe disease in SOT
  - ICU (16%)
  - Death (6%)
  - Extra-pulmonary complications
  - Prolonged shedding
  - Increased risk of graft rejection



# Influenza

- Two vaccines – IIV & LAIV
- IIV more common
  - Usually trivalent +/- adjuvants
  - 2 strains influenza A, 1 strain influenza B
- LAIV
  - Administered intranasally
  - Only replicates at lower nasal temperature

# Influenza

- LAIV has not been studied in SOT
  - Contraindicated at present
- In BC, only for children 2-17 y.o.
- Not free for other age groups
  - IIV provides better protection
- Pre-transplant: Either
- Post-transplant: IIV

# Influenza Vaccination Is Efficacious and Safe in Renal Transplant Recipients

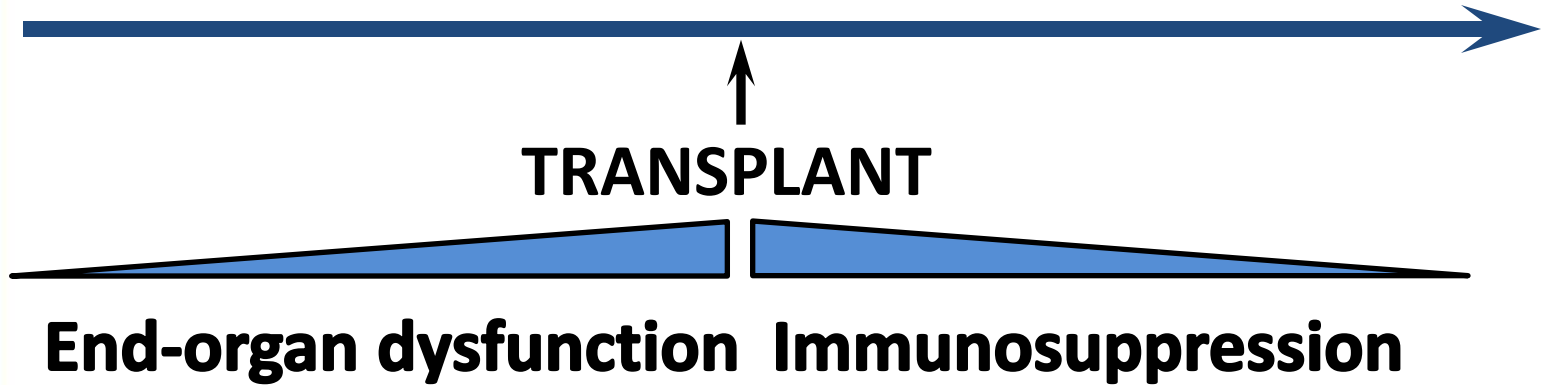
*American Journal of Transplantation 2008; 8: 332–337*

- 165 renal tx recipients
  - SP rates high (79-93%)
  - Inversely related to MMF use (2.6-5x lower response)
  - No benefit to booster dose
  - No rejection noted
- SP in other studies: 15-93%
  - Likely 2<sup>o</sup> to timing/IS

# Influenza Vaccine

- Concerns re: graft rejection
  - Not found in studies
- Has been elevated anti-HLA Ab detected post-immunization
  - 5-17% of RTR
  - May depend on vaccine (& adjuvant)
  - Uncertain clinical significance
  - Transient

# When to vaccinate?



- Both run risk of altered immune response

# When to vaccinate?

- Generally pre-transplant has best immune responses in studies
  - Healthy > Dialysis > Post-transplant
- Pre-transplant Ab predict post-transplant Ab
- Abs do wane over time in SOT
  - Can be accelerated
  - Test & boost if appropriate

# Resuming Vaccination

- Timing post-tx varies by guideline
- Influenza example:
  - AST 3-6 mo.
  - IDSA 2-6 mo. unless outbreak
  - KDIGO 1 mo.
- No harm to early
- Less immunogenic → trade-off between response vs. risk

# Pneumococcus

- IPD more common in SOT
  - Incidence 146 infections/100,000 person-year
  - Risk 12.8x general population
  - 29% mortality
- If non-sterile sites included
  - Incidence 419 infections /100,000 person-years



# Pneumococcus

- Two vaccines
  - Polysaccharide (PPV-23)
  - Conjugate (PCV-13)
- Polysaccharide = sugar
  - B cells produce Ab without T-cell help
- Conjugate = add diphtheria protein
  - T-cells stimulated
  - Get B memory cell response

# Pneumococcus

- Improved efficacy in HIV
- Improved immunogenicity in HSCT
- Minimal data in SOT
  - Similar SP rates
  - 80% in PCV-13 vs. 83% in PPV-23 in one study
  - Similar duration of response
- NACI grades evidence “fair”

# Pneumococcus

- Most guidelines have recommended both for any IC individual
  - IDSA/AICP
- In BC, PCV-13 only covered for HSCT & HIV
  - Requested update on this → stay tuned

# Pneumococcus

- If given:
  - PCV-13 followed by PPV-23 at 8 weeks
  - PPV-23 followed by PCV-13 at 1 year
- Reflects hyporesponsiveness polysaccharide antigens
- Booster dose at 5 years with PPV-23

# Varicella

- Higher incidence than general population
  - 27-55 cases/1000 patient-years vs. 1.5-3
- High morbidity and mortality
  - Multidermatomal zoster
  - 40% risk dissemination
  - 4%–34% mortality
  - Graft rejection

# Varicella Vaccine

- LAV with Oka strain
  - Available since 1990
- In BC, 2 doses for seronegative pts. if not IC
  - Separate by 6 weeks if  $\geq 13$  y.o.
- Pre-transplant
  - Acceptable if minimal IS
  - 4 week hold for Tx

# Varicella Vaccine

- Post-transplant
  - Generally contraindicated
- Select pediatric SOT patients have undergone immunization
  - Seroconversion rates 65-87%
  - Few side-effects under study conditions
  - Not ready for prime time

# Non-Immune Patients

- Post-exposure prophylaxis available
  - Varlg within 96h of exposure
  - +/- (val)acyclovir
- May not be fully protective
  - 8 pediatric patients with 1<sup>o</sup> disease
  - 2 deaths including 1 pt who received Varlg



# Vaccine Efficacy

- Best measure = clinical outcome
  - Not always feasible
- Ab levels are cheap & easy
  - May not be protective or functional Ab
- VZV is good example
  - CMI is what predicts zoster protection

# Varicella Zoster Vaccine

- Zostavax contains 14x PFU of Oka strain
- Licensed for healthy individuals  $\geq 50$  y.o.
  - In BC, recommended but not provided
  - Cost ~\$175
- Pre-transplant
  - Acceptable if minimal IS
  - 4 week hold for Tx

# Varicella Zoster Vaccine

- Post-transplant
  - Generally contraindicated
- New vaccines likely more promising

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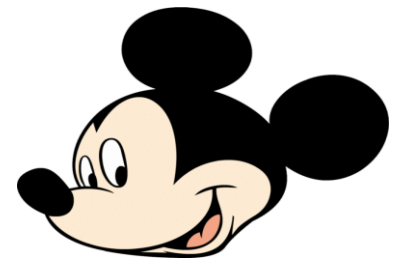
# LAV & Household Contacts

- Contacts should receive routine vaccines
  - Oral polio vaccine is only exception
- Shedding may be inverse to age
  - 80% if 8-36 mo. vs. 30% if 5-49 y.o. for LAIV
- Max shedding w/i 2 days of vaccination
  - Up to 4 weeks for rotavirus

# LAV & Household Contacts

- Actually transmission events rare outside polio
  - Typically no sequela given attenuated virus
- Tips:
  - Mothers of tx recipients: avoid nursing
  - Rotavirus: avoid diapers
  - VZV: cover rash

# Measles



- 20 million cases/year world-wide
- Local outbreaks – Vancouver (2010), Fraser Valley (2014)...
- High morbidity and mortality in all pts
  - Pneumonia (1/20), encephalitis (1/1,000), SSPE (4-11/1,000,000), death (1-2/1,000)
  - Rejection in transplant pts.

# Measles

- No specific treatment available
  - Supportive care + Vitamin A
  - Ribavirin (off-label)
- PEP
  - MMR vaccine within 72 hrs
  - IVIG if MMR contraindicated
- Best protection is immunization

# Measles

- LAV with Edmonston B strain
  - Available since 1960s (MMR)
- Measles immunity (routine)
  - Born <1970, or
  - Lab confirmed infection or immunity, or
  - Documentation of two vaccines if 2-17 y.o., or
  - Documentation of one vaccine if  $\geq 18$  y.o. and born >1970
- If high risk → need 2 vaccines OR lab-confirmed immunity



# Measles

- In BC, 2 doses if not IC
  - Prior to mid-1990s, only 1 dose was given
    - patients may need second dose
  - Separate by 4 weeks
- Pre-transplant
  - Acceptable if on minimal IS
  - 4 week hold for Tx

# Measles

- Post-transplant
  - Generally contraindicated
- Four studies of pediatric SOT patients have undergone immunization
  - Seroconversion rates 40-100%
  - Not ready for prime time

# Other Routine Vaccines

- Pertussis (inactivated)
  - Multiple outbreaks
  - Update Tdap pre-tx + booster q10 years
- HBV (inactivated)
  - Give to all patients (HBcAb+ donor/blood products)
  - Seroconversion varies 20-70% pre/post
  - Antibody waning frequent → booster doses post-Tx

# Other Routine Vaccines

- HAV (inactivated)
  - Recommended for high-risk patients pre-transplant (e.g. MSM, liver disease)
  - Accelerated waning in SOT recipients
  - May need (booster) post-transplant
  - Seroconversion rates post-Tx ~25%
  - IM Ig if urgent, high-risk travel

# HPV

- Many subtypes
  - HPV 16/18 (cancer) vs. 6/11 (90% warts)
- Causes significant morbidity
  - Tx patients have 14-100x risk CIN/AIN
  - Increased skin cancer risk
  - Increased risk of warts
- Two vaccines – bivalent & quadrivalent
  - Inactivated

# HPV

- In BC, available to women born  $\geq 1994$ 
  - 2 dose schedule in BC
  - Sept 1, 2015  $\rightarrow$  high-risk males also covered
- Other eligible populations can receive it
  - Not free
  - Women  $\leq 45$  y.o., males 9-26 y.o., MSM  $\geq 27$  y.o.

# HPV

- Pretransplant:
  - If candidate → give series
- Post-transplant:
  - Can be given if still eligible
  - Immunogenicity rates lower than non-IC group
  - Seropositivity in 53-68% for different subtypes

# Travel Vaccines

- Most have not been specifically tested in SOT
  - Protection may be uncertain
  - If inactivated product, okay to give
- Live products to avoid
  - YF, oral polio vaccine, oral typhoid vaccine, BCG



# Travel Vaccines

- Acceptable vaccines
  - Rabies vaccine
  - Inactivated polio vaccine
  - Inactivated typhoid vaccine
  - Cholera/enterotoxigenic *E. coli*.  
(Dukoral™)
  - Meningococcal vaccine
  - Japanese encephalitis vaccine

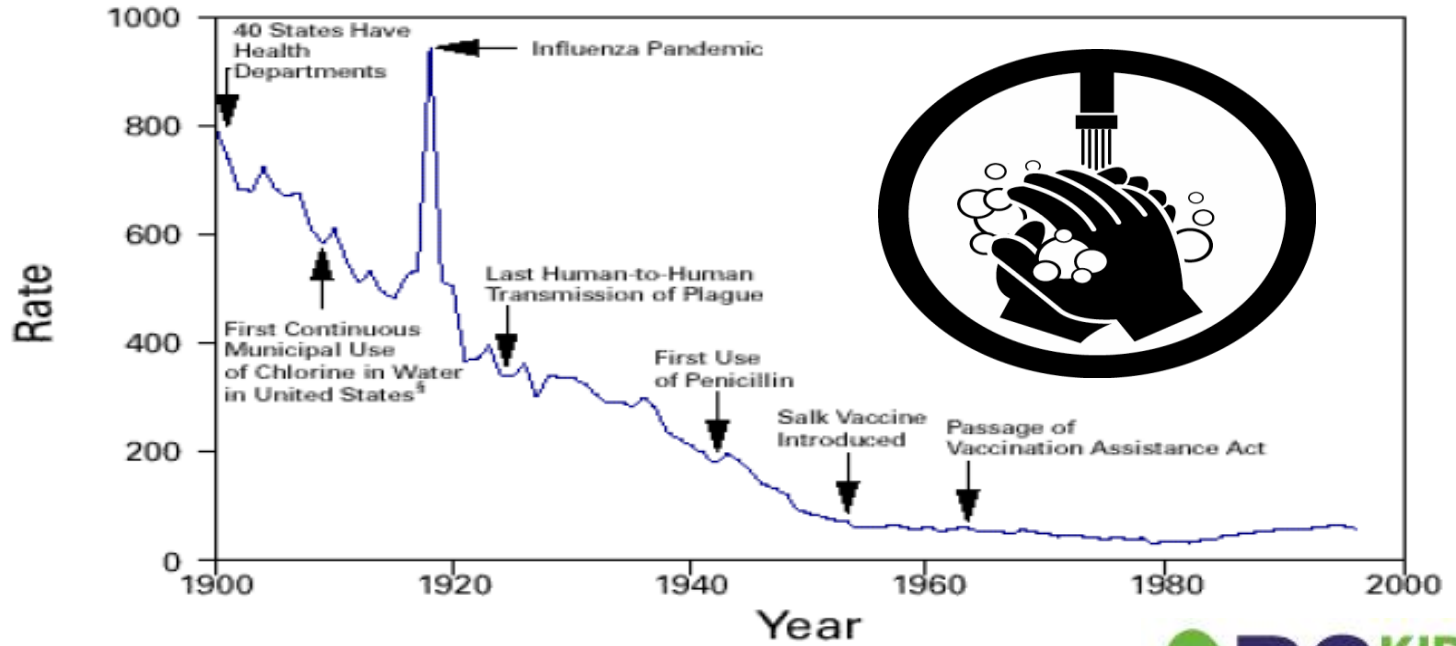
Vaccine	Pre?	Post?
HAV	✓	✓
HBV	✓	✓
Tdap	✓	✓
Pneumococcal	✓	✓
VZV/Zoster	✓	✗
MMR	✓	✗
HPV	✓	✓
Dukoral	✓	✓
YF	✓	✗
Rabies	✓	✓
IM Typhoid	✓	✓

# Final Tips

- Think about vaccination
  - Check serology
  - Encourage updates
- Vaccinate as early as possible
  - Prefer pre > post-Tx
- Repeat serology & boost as needed

# History of Infectious Disease

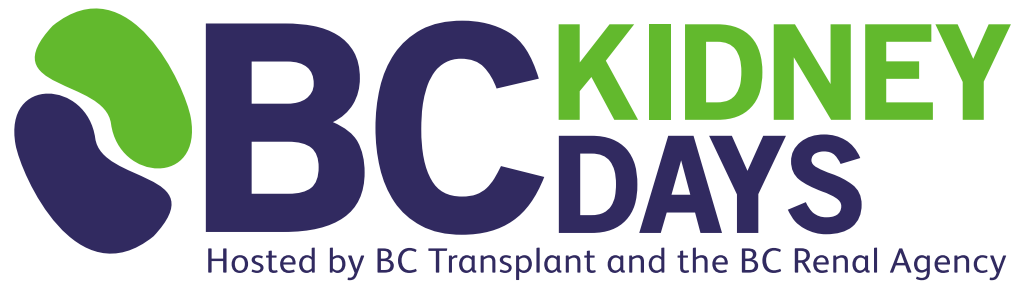
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