

VACCINES IN SOT

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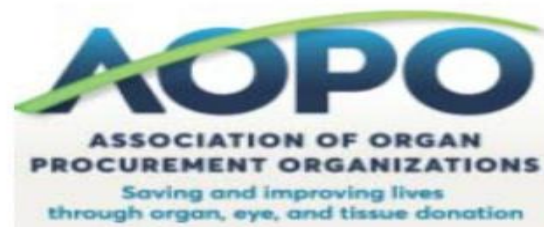


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Vaccines in SOT

- All transplant candidates should be up to date on their routine vaccines as per national guidelines (strong; low).

Vaccines in SOT

- Vaccine responses are generally reduced compared to healthy controls especially early posttransplant or rejection treatment, particularly if lymphocyte-depleting therapies or rituximab is utilized.
- In general, vaccination can be started **any time after 1 month posttransplant**; however, immunogenicity may be diminished with higher doses of immunosuppression

Vaccines in SOT

- Inactivated vaccines should be given **at least 2 weeks prior to transplant** where possible for an adequate immune response (strong; moderate).

Live-attenuated vaccines

- Live-attenuated vaccines should be given **at least 4 weeks prior to transplant** to ensure that vaccine-related viral replication has resolved prior to transplant (strong; low).

Live-attenuated vaccines

- Live vaccines should be avoided in the posttransplant period although published literature in pediatric patients suggests that select posttransplant patients could safely receive live varicella vaccine .
- Not enough data are available to recommend other live vaccines.
- A yellow fever vaccine waiver is generally required for SOT recipients traveling to yellow fever-endemic areas.

Live-attenuated vaccines

- Close contacts of transplant patients can receive the most necessary vaccines including live vaccines.
- Live vaccines contraindicated in close contacts are oral polio and smallpox vaccines due to the risk of transmission.
- For other live vaccines, the risk of transmission of attenuated pathogens is minimal.

Influenza vaccination

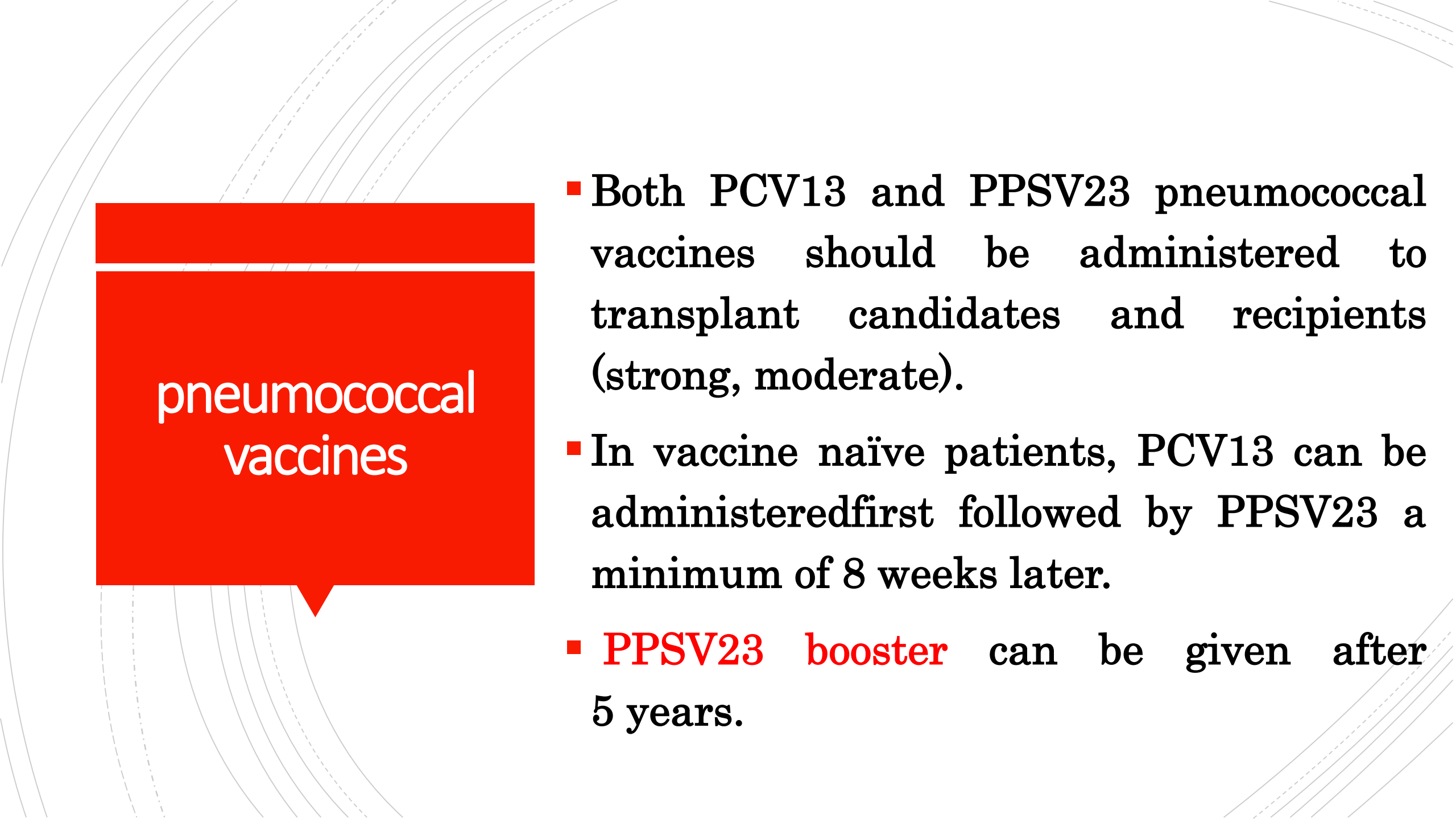
- In the post-transplant setting, inactivated vaccines can be administered starting at 3-6 months post-transplant (strong; moderate) except influenza vaccine which can be given as early as 1 month post-transplant (strong; low).

Influenza vaccination

- Influenza vaccination is recommended **for all transplant candidates** (strong, moderate) and recipients (strong, high). In the posttransplant setting, randomized trials show that either **high-dose or booster dosing** in the same season has greater immunogenicity over a single standard dose and may be preferred over standard dosing (strong, moderate).

Hepatitis B vaccine

- Hepatitis B vaccine series should be offered pre-transplant. **Accelerated schedules** such as 0,1,2 months or 0,7,21 days can be used. A **higher dose (40 µg)** vaccine can be used in end-stage renal disease (strong, low)



pneumococcal vaccines

- Both PCV13 and PPSV23 pneumococcal vaccines should be administered to transplant candidates and recipients (strong, moderate).
- In vaccine naïve patients, PCV13 can be administered first followed by PPSV23 a minimum of 8 weeks later.
- **PPSV23 booster** can be given after 5 years.

meningococcal vaccine

- Routine quadrivalent **meningococcal vaccine** should be given to children as per local guidelines.
- In adults, meningococcal vaccination (ACYW) can be administered before or after transplantation in patients with risk factors (strong, moderate).
- Meningococcal B vaccination in at-risk adolescents and adults can also be considered (weak, very low).

meningococcal vaccine

- Use of the terminal complement inhibitor eculizumab is shown to predispose to fatal meningococcal sepsis.
- Therefore, two doses of meningococcal quadrivalent vaccine should be given prior to initiating eculizumab.
- . Meningococcal disease has occurred despite vaccination, and therefore for additional protection, antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended.
- Agents for chemoprophylaxis include amoxicillin or ciprofloxacin given for the duration of eculizumab and continuing for 3 months after the last dose of eculizumab.

HPV vaccination

- **HPV vaccination** can be administered before or after transplantation to at-risk patients meeting specific age criteria (strong, low).

zoster vaccination

- Transplant candidates ≥ 50 years of age should receive herpes zoster vaccination (strong, high).
- Subunit vaccination is preferred over live-attenuated vaccine to avoid delays in transplant.
- Post-transplant patients ≥ 50 years can also receive subunit vaccine (weak, moderate). Transplant candidates and recipients < 50 years of age could be considered for herpes zoster vaccine (weak, low).
- The long-term benefit of this strategy is unknown as is the vaccine effectiveness in VZV IgG negative patients or younger patients that have previously received varicella vaccine.

MMR and varicella

- **MMR and varicella** vaccination are generally **contraindicated post-transplant** but may be administered in carefully selected patients with appropriate education and close follow-up (weak, low).

MMR and varicella

- It is preferred that household and close contacts be vaccinated against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella to prevent the transplanted patient from having exposure to wild-type viruses (strong; very low).

COVID-19 Vaccine

- For pre-transplant patients, we recommend **vaccination completion at least 2 weeks prior to transplantation** if possible. For post-transplant patients, we recommend administering **vaccination beginning as early as 1-3 months after transplantation**. This can be individualized based on immunosuppression.
- • We do **not recommend routinely checking antibody** responses to the vaccine.
- We do **not recommend routine adjustment** of immunosuppressive medications prior to vaccination outside of clinical trials.

Inactivated vaccine	Risk/condition	Dosing schedule
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)	All	One dose—if not received in the last 10 years
Pneumococcal vaccines: Prevnar13 (PCV13) Pneumovax (PPV23)	All	<i>Persons who have never had pneumococcal vaccine:</i> Give one dose of Prevnar13 and Pneumovax at least 8 weeks later <i>Persons who have previously had Pneumovax:</i> Wait a minimum of 1 year from the last Pneumovax and give Prevnar13. Then give one dose of Pneumovax 5 years from previous dose and a minimum of 8 weeks from Prevnar13 dose. No further Pneumovax boosters are recommended
Hepatitis B	All (if anti-HBs negative)	Check anti-HBs, and if negative, start three-dose series 0, 1, 6 months Use high-dose hepatitis B vaccine (40 µg Recombivax)
Influenza	All	Annually—use injectable vaccine High-dose vaccines or two standard doses 5 weeks apart may have greater immunogenicity

HPV	Men ≤ 26 years and MSM of any age, Women ≤ 45 years of age	Three doses at 0, 2, 6 months
HiB (<i>Hemophilus influenzae</i>)	Asplenia or hyposplenia; lung transplantation	One dose
Hepatitis A	All	Two doses at 0, 6 months
Shingles (inactivated)	Age ≥ 50 years and VZV IgG positive	Two doses at 0, 2–6 months
Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135	Asplenia or hyposplenia, travel to meningitis-endemic area, complement deficiency Eculizumab use	Two doses of quadrivalent vaccine 8 weeks apart (Menactra or Menveo)
Meningococcal B	Eculizumab use	Two doses of vaccine 8 weeks apart
Rabies	Extensive ongoing close contact with animals	Three doses intramuscular at 1, 7, 21–28 days

Inactivated vaccine	Risk/condition	Dosing schedule
Typhoid (<i>Salmonella typhi</i>)	Travel to areas of typhoid transmission	One dose Use inactivated parenteral vaccine
Dukoral	For prevention of traveler's diarrhea	Two oral doses 6 weeks apart Available in some countries only
<i>Live vaccine</i>		
Varicella	VZV IgG negative	Two doses 6 weeks apart Select posttransplant patients on minimal immunosuppression, normal lymphocyte count, close follow-up
MMR	Contraindicated	
Shingles (live-attenuated)	Contraindicated	
Yellow fever	Contraindicated	Small series post-SOT suggests it is safe although data are limited

