

Addressing Zoster in the Immunocompromised Population

Wednesday 22nd March
6:30PM-9:00PM

Herpes zoster (HZ) affects 1 in 3 people throughout their lifetime¹. Immunocompromised (IC) or immunosuppressed (IS) individuals are at greater risk of HZ and its complications compared with the general population due to underlying disease and therapies¹. The recombinant zoster vaccine (RZV) offers a new strategy for HZ prevention in people that are at an increased risk.

Join Professor Robert Booy and Professor Rebecca Grainger for an evening education meeting hosted by GSK, about HZ risk factors in the IC population and the use of RZV in these adults. Our speakers look forward to answering your questions during the Q&A session.

1. MoH Immunisation Handbook 2020 online Chapter 23.3 accessed February 2023.

Agenda

- 6:30-7:00PM** **Welcome and Registration**
- 7:00-7:35PM** **Professor Robert Booy**
Risk of HZ and the use of RZV in the IC population.
- 7:35-8:00PM** **Dinner**
- 8:00-8:35PM** **Professor Rebecca Grainger**
Risk of HZ, case studies and treatment/prevention options for IC populations in a New Zealand context.
- 8:35-9:00PM** **Q&A**

Speakers



Professor Robert Booy

Honorary Professor Robert Booy from the University of Sydney is an infectious diseases paediatrician and has worked in the fields of vaccinology, epidemiology, and infectious diseases. He is also a Senior Professorial Fellow at the University of Sydney Children's Hospital Westmead Clinical School. He completed a doctorate at Oxford on the epidemiology and prevention of Haemophilus influenzae type b disease and has conducted extensive research into serious infections and their prevention with over 350 scientific publications to date.



Professor Rebecca Grainger

Rebecca Grainger is a rheumatologist in Wellington and a Professor of Medicine at University of Otago Wellington. Her PhD examined inflammatory mechanisms in gout. Her rheumatology research has included gout, rheumatoid arthritis, and the rheumatology health services research. Other foci include the use of technology in health and medical education. She publishes regularly with over 130 articles and an H-index of 40.

Venue:

Movenpick Hotel Wellington
Takahē Room
345 The Terrace
Wellington

RSVP:

Please RSVP by emailing your name, preferred contact details, institution and dietary requirements by **Wednesday 15th of March** to Priyanka Patel (details below).

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