

Appendix 2:

SARS-CoV2 vaccination in IBD patients: Top tips

1. SARS-CoV2 vaccination is the best way to protect IBD patients against COVID-19.
2. The vast majority of IBD patients qualify for vaccination, including patients taking immunosuppressive drugs.
3. All three of the currently approved vaccines (Table 1), can be used in IBD patients, including immunosuppressed patients. This includes the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine, which is an adenovirus vector engineered so that it cannot replicate in human recipients.
4. Vaccination is especially important in IBD patients taking immunosuppressive drugs, or who have other health problems, which increase your risk from COVID-19.
5. IBD treatment should not be stopped or delayed prior to vaccination as this may lead to an IBD disease flare (which itself has been linked to reduced vaccine responses with other vaccines).
6. SARS-CoV2 vaccination should still be offered to IBD patients who have previously been infected with the virus.
7. Even after vaccination, IBD patients are advised to continue to follow the same social distancing guidelines which applied to them prior to vaccination.
8. Whilst all effort has been made to ensure this document is up to date, IBD patients and clinicians are advised to keep abreast of any changes to regulatory guidance in this fast-moving field.