
JAAD Game Changers: The incidence of herpes zoster in cutaneous lupus erythematosus (CLE), dermatomyositis (DM), pemphigus vulgaris (PV), and bullous pemphigoid (BP)



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Capsule Summary

- The incidence of herpes zoster is increased in many autoimmune diseases.
- This study found a significantly increased incidence of herpes zoster in patients with dermatomyositis and cutaneous lupus erythematosus compared with a control group.
- Physicians should be aware of this risk and consider administering the vaccine against herpes zoster to these patients if not contraindicated.

How did this article change the practice of dermatology?

Patients with lupus and dermatomyositis should all be counseled appropriately regarding herpes zoster vaccination, given a significantly increased risk in the population of individuals with both diseases.¹

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