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VACCINATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASES, PATIENT KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS: RESULTS FROM A NORDIC SURVEY

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A 2022 Nordic survey of 1748 patients with chronic inflammatory diseases reveals substantial gaps between ECCO vaccination guidelines and current practice, with most patients receiving insufficient information and vaccination assessment.

KEY POINTS

- Only 22% of patients had vaccination status checked before initiating immunosuppressive treatment, and 64% did not have vaccination status assessed regularly.
- 63% of patients stated they had not received any information regarding vaccinations at the start of their treatment, and 71% would like to receive more information.
- Vaccination rates while on immunosuppressive treatment among IBD patients were COVID-19 82%, influenza 70%, pneumococcal 43%, and herpes zoster 1%.
- 68% of patients considered it important to get vaccinated due to their chronic inflammatory disease or treatment, yet 86% did not receive a vaccination plan.
- This survey highlights the need for increased vaccination rates and awareness among both patients and healthcare professionals regarding ECCO guidelines in inflammatory bowel disease.

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