

# Childhood Shingles Resulting from Chickenpox Vaccination: Is it “Rare” or Predictable?

Ordinarily, clinicians do not expect to encounter shingles in children unless the children are seriously immunocompromised. Perhaps this is why—in one case report after another describing shingles in otherwise healthy vaccinated children—researchers characterize the situation as “rare” or “unique.” Even so, young shingles patients’ often dramatic clinical symptoms have forced researchers to acknowledge that shingles is definitely “possible” in children vaccinated against varicella, and when they use appropriate molecular analyses, they find that the vaccine-strain virus is the causative agent.