

VACCINATION IN ADULTS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Introduction: The programme of obligatory vaccination in Bosnia and Herzegovina covers the children aged 0-18. This vaccination is an obligatory health protection measure and it is free of charge for the users.

The vaccination of adults falls into the category of facultative vaccination.

Aim of work: To show the current situation of vaccination in adults in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Materials and methods: Valid laws and regulations on vaccination, data about the organization of health care services which deal with vaccination and individual data about vaccinated persons will be used as material for this work.

This will be partly a cross sectional study but also retrospective analytical-descriptive epidemiological study.

Results: Adults in Bosnia and Herzegovina fall into the category of facultative vaccination among which the highest percent are the „travel vaccines“.

Depending on the destination country, different vaccines are applied: against yellow fever, meningococcal meningitis, typhus, viral hepatitis A and viral hepatitis B.

Other vaccines for adults are: against influenza, recommended for people older than 65 and for people with chronic diseases, regardless of age; against tetanus, used frequently because of frequent injuries of older people; against rabies because of dog bites; against VHB, often applied in health care workers and sex partners of hepatitis B positive persons.

Conclusion: Vaccination in adults is very important. The development of tourism, the increase of the number of travellers, increase in life expectancy is increasing the number of demands for vaccination in adults every day.