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Immunization in elderly people in public health

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Vaccination is an important instrument to spread health care, especially in Brazil, available by the SUS, that offers vaccines recommended by OMS, without any cost, and with strategies that help propagate that prevention, like the Vaccination Calendar, made for the different age groups, including the elderly. **Objectives:** It is extremely important to evaluate and to unravel all the vaccines recommended and offered by the SUS for elder people, taking a look at its importance and how the doses are administered. **Methodology:** This research is a transversal, retrospective study, in a bibliographic revision form, about the immunization of the elderly. Articles from 2002, in english, portuguese and spanish, found in Biblioteca Virtual em Saúde, Google Scholar were used. They were sectioned in order of relevance and by their abstracts. **Results:** One of the groups most benefited by this vaccine situation is the elderly, who has been growing in the last few years, all around the world. The immunization of these people with vaccines against diphtheria and tetanus, yellow fever, pneumococci, hepatis B and influenza. **Conclusion:** Vaccination is extremely important, because it decreases morbidity and mortality that are associated with infectious diseases, leading to a better quality of life.

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