

Vaccine ID:

Name:

Chickenpox (Varicella)

Pathogen:

Varicella zoster virus (VZV)

Class:

Live attenuated

Produced from:

Appropriate cell cultures

Inactivation:

Growing in non-human cells

Adjuvants:

None

Schedule:

Immunization at 12 months

Contains:

~1700 plaque-forming units of the varicella-zoster virus. Depending on the manufacturer it may also contain: stabilizers, salts, buffers, residual amounts of human cell culture DNA and protein, and trace quantities of antibiotics and growth medium.



Approval date:

Developed and first used in Japan, the chickenpox vaccine was first licensed in the US in 1995 and has been in use ever since.