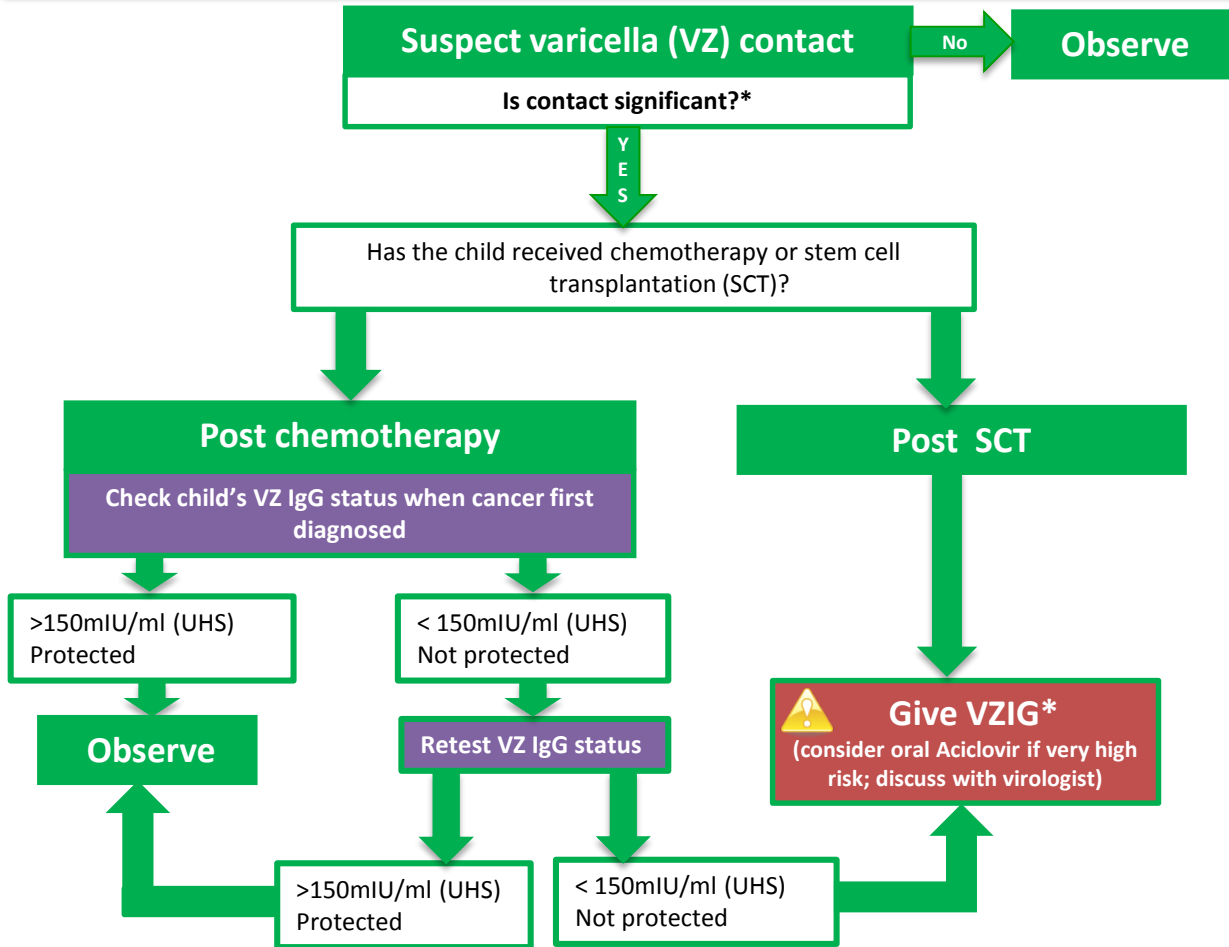


Management of Varicella Contact in Oncology



*Definition of significant contact

Chicken Pox: within 48 hrs before onset of rash until no new vesicles and all vesicles have crusted
or

Shingles: from day of rash onset until no new vesicles and all vesicles have crusted
and

In the same room (or hospital bay/classroom) as infected individual for ≥ 15 minutes
or

Any direct face-to-face contact.

Information for families after VZIG

Child can still develop Chicken Pox despite having had VZIG

The incubation period can be up to 28 days

If Chicken Pox develops admit for IV Aciclovir

Protection lasts 3-4 weeks. Re-exposure after this time period will require re-testing of immune status and further dose of VZIG if VZ IgG < 150mIU/ml (UHS)