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- HIV infection
- Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Hodgkin's disease
- Multiple myeloma
- Generalized malignancy
- Chronic renal failure
- Nephrotic syndrome
- Other conditions associated with immunosuppression such as:
 - Organ transplantation
 - Bone marrow transplantation
 - Those receiving immunosuppressive chemotherapy

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