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Podcast Transcript:

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ANCA Vasculitis Treatments

“ANCA Treatments: Risk for Infection”

Patient: Is there something that I can do to decrease my risk for infection while taking these drugs that are suppressing my immune system?

Dr. Falk: Wash your hands, wash your hands, and wash your hands again. Most bugs are transmitted from hand to mouth or hand to nose. It's important to avoid people who clearly have another infection. During flu season, it's very nice to keep those people away from you. Keep away from people who are sneezing or who have viral diseases. But many people just can't escape the opportunistic kinds of infections. So, we worry about tuberculosis, we worry about fungal infections. But the most common thing are viral diseases, and you can avoid those to a certain extent by good hygiene.