

Herpes Zoster

It indicates itself in

- Older people
- Patients who were treated with immune suppressants
- People with immune-system defects such as AIDS
- After intense infections that reduce immunocompetence

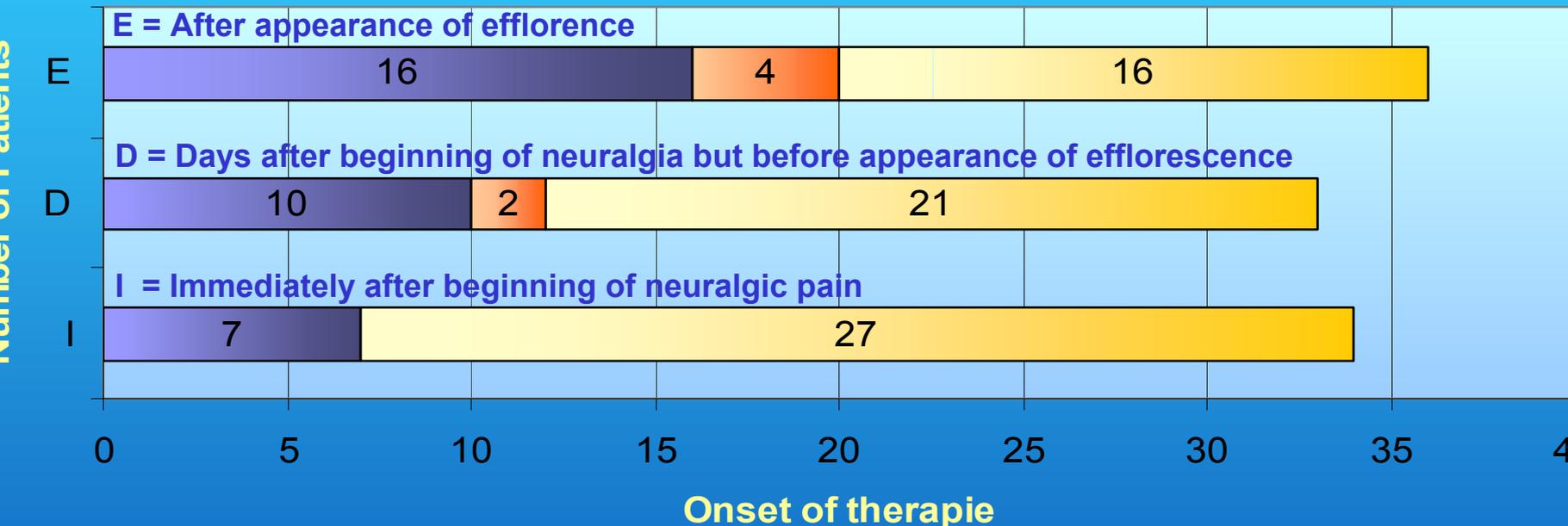
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The most common sites are

- thorax segments 48 %
- cervical segments 18 %
- trigeminal nerve 15 %
- lumbosacral segments 8 %

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Post-zoster neuralgia in relation to the onset of therapy



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Onset of therapie

■ Initial neurological pain ■ Postzoster neuralgia ■ Postzoster free of pain

Total number of patients = 113

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Comparison between ozone therapy (OT) and traditional types of therapy (TT)

- **Begins upon suspicion of zoster**
- **Immune-system stimulation or modulating effect**
- **Practically no side effects**
- **It has a strengthening effect on older, weakened patients**
- **It is more economical than TT**

- **Causal therapy only upon final diagnosis, i.e. usually at appearance of efflorescence**
- **No favorable effect on immune system**
- **Viralstatic agents (e.g. Aciclovir) can show considerable side effects**
- **No strengthening effect**

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