

# SNAPSHOT ON ZOSTAVAX

## An information sheet for vaccine service providers

Zostavax is a live attenuated vaccine for the prevention of herpes zoster and post herpetic neuralgia. It is contraindicated for use in significantly immunocompromised people.



### All health professionals

For PDF downloadable fact sheets:

[www.ncirs.edu.au/assets/provider\\_resources/fact-sheets/zoster-vaccine-fact-sheet.pdf](http://www.ncirs.edu.au/assets/provider_resources/fact-sheets/zoster-vaccine-fact-sheet.pdf)  
[www.ncirs.edu.au/assets/provider\\_resources/fact-sheets/zoster-vaccine-FAQ.pdf](http://www.ncirs.edu.au/assets/provider_resources/fact-sheets/zoster-vaccine-FAQ.pdf)

### General Practice

A pre-vaccination checklist, was developed in consultation with members of the Therapeutic Goods Administration's Advisory Committee on Vaccines, members of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, and members of the GP Roundtable.

This pre-vaccination checklist has been purposely developed to fit into a single page and created for potential incorporation by GPs into their software to screen patients pre-Zostavax. The use of drop down boxes for yes/no answers, and auto populate for Name, DOB, date of completion and provider details (in green) will make the process quicker to complete. Please note, an additional two pages have been included at the back of the checklist to help providers with their decision making.

To download an electronic copy of the checklist visit:

[Practice Nurse Support Program – Resources - Immunisation tab](#)

More information is available at the following links:

- *Herpes-zoster (Shingles) disease information*  
<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/immunise-herpes-zoster>
- *The Australian Immunisation Handbook 10th Edition*  
<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook10-home~handbook10part4~handbook10-4-24>
- *Zostavax and individuals who are immunocompromised*  
[www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au)

Use the pre-vaccination checklist prior to administering the live attenuated zoster vaccine (Zostavax)

### Digital Health

#### Does your patient know if they have had Zostavax vaccination?

The My Health Record can contain immunisation details made available by other healthcare providers as well as the Australian Immunisation Register.

For further information, contact Brisbane South PHN's Digital Health team on: **1300 467 265** / [ehealth@bsphn.org.au](mailto:ehealth@bsphn.org.au) or contact the My Health Record Helpline **1800 723 471**.