

# Advisory document to support the delivery of the Shingrix® Patient Group Direction (PGD) in Accordance with the Immunisation Expansion Programme in Wales

**We gratefully acknowledge UKHSA for their permission to use their Zostavax® vaccine and Shingrix® Herpes Zoster Vaccine PGDs as a reference resource across NHS Wales, to be used alongside this associated advisory document.**

Individual Summaries of Product Characteristics (SmPCs) may differ in their licensed indications from official vaccination policy as specified in the Green Book and Welsh Policy.

On these occasions, Green Book recommendations should take precedence and provides the rationale for any off-label use. Practitioners using authorised PGDs should also be familiar with the relevant chapters of the Green Book, SmPCs and Welsh Policy, and be constantly alert to any subsequent recommendations from Public Health Wales and/or Welsh Government and other sources of medical information.

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The relevant amendments, governance and sign off for any PGD is the responsibility of the authorising organisation in Wales.

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## Change history:

Version number	Change details	Date
1.0	Original advisory document developed.	01 September 2023
1.1	Inclusion criteria updated to allow short-date Shingrix stock to be used before all stocks of Zostavax are exhausted. References updated.	12 December 2023

## Additional clinical conditions or situations to which this advisory document applies

Shingrix® Herpes Zoster vaccine PGD in accordance with the National Immunisation Programme

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### Section 4. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies

<p><b>Criteria for inclusion</b></p>	<p>As per <a href="#">WHC/2023/24</a>, within Wales, opportunistic vaccination can be accommodated within general practices if operationally possible. This is available to enhance the robust call/recall that should be in place from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.</p> <p>Immunocompetent individuals on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are 65 to 79 years of age and who attend opportunistically, can be offered the vaccine.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Zostavax® is the shingles vaccine of choice for persons 71-79 years of age who have not yet been given a shingles vaccine (see <a href="#">Zostavax® PGD</a>) until these stocks are exhausted. However, <b>short-dated Shingrix®</b> stocks may be used in this cohort of patients as an alternative in order to minimise wastage.</p>
<p><b>Criteria for exclusion</b></p>	<p>1) The following exclusion point in the UKHSA document does <b>NOT</b> apply in Wales:</p> <p>Immunocompetent individuals on or after 1 September 2023 who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are between 65 to 69 years of age but reached their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before 31 August 2023; these individuals must wait until they reach their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> </ul> <p>This is due to a policy difference as, in Wales, opportunistic vaccination is permitted in instances where an individual has already attained or passed the age of 65 but not yet 80 for phase one. As a result, general practices can accommodate opportunistic vaccination if it is operationally possible.</p> <p>2) If an individual is breastfeeding, a discussion needs to take place with the individual's doctor to determine if the Shingrix® vaccine is clinically appropriate, carefully taking into consideration risks vs. benefits.</p>

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