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This checklist has been designed to help immunisation practitioners plan their shingles immunisation programme

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Prepare your shingles information pack and order your free resources from the Health Publications website

- bookmark the UKHSA shingles vaccination programme web page: www.gov.uk/government/collections/shingles-vaccination-programme
- Green Book chapter – [shingles chapter 28a](#)
- Patient Group Directions (PGDs) – [Zostavax® PGD](#) and [Shingrix® PGD](#) (all PGDs must be appropriately authorised before use)
- information for healthcare practitioners – [shingles information document](#)
- eligibility table poster (product code: S23PFO2) – [shingles table eligibility poster](#)
- stage 1 eligibility poster (product code: S23PO1) – [shingles stage 1 eligibility poster](#)
- eligibility poster (product code: 2942856B) – [shingles eligibility poster](#)
- leaflet (product code: C23SGX1EN) – [shingles vaccination leaflet](#)
- record card (product code: S23RC01) – [shingles vaccination record card](#)
- stickers (product code: S23ST04) – [shingles vaccination stickers](#)
- consider including shingles information on patient TV systems in waiting rooms, download the banners to use on your digital displays

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Check your knowledge

- complete the shingles session in the vaccine preventable diseases module of the e-Learning for Health immunisation course www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/immunisation
- read through the latest version of Shingles vaccination guidance: information for healthcare practitioners www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-vaccination-guidance-for-healthcare-professionals
- share learning with all those involved in the programme, including GPs, practice nurses and reception staff booking appointments. Consider running a training and information session for colleagues using the national slide set: www.gov.uk/government/collections/shingles-vaccination-programme

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Plan your programme: remember shingles vaccination can be offered all year round

- inform your patient participation group of previous years vaccine uptake and focus for this year
- identify eligible patients who have not received shingles vaccine previously:
 - individuals between 70 and 80 years of age
 - from 1 September 2023 severely immunosuppressed individuals 50 years of age and above
 - from 1 September 2023 immunocompetent individuals who turn 65 and 70 years of age
 - eligible housebound patients and patients in care homes
- undertake call/recall for patients in the immunocompetent and immunosuppressed cohorts
- ensure current in-date authorised Patient Group Directions (PGDs) are available and that a prescriber has prepared a Patient Specific Direction (PSD) if non-registered staff are administering the vaccine
- make sure immunisers have a copy of the **PGDs** and the Green Book Chapter 28a available to refer to when discussing vaccination with their patients and checking their medical history
- ensure eligible patients are flagged on the system to promote opportunistic vaccination (for example at chronic disease clinics, routine appointments)
- schedule appointments for patients to receive their second dose of Shingrix vaccine
- each month / quarter, update your list of patients still eligible and feedback progress made at practice meetings
- remember to add your requirement for shingles vaccine in with your childhood vaccine order through ImmForm. Aim to hold no more than 2 weeks' worth of stock
- celebrate your success



Download the above web banners at: <https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Sshingleswebandsocialmediabanners>
Product code: S23SMWB1

Remember to advise patients that having their routine shingles vaccine is a good way of looking after their health so that they can get on with enjoying life without the pain of shingles



Shingles vaccination record card

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