



SHINGRIX VACCINE

What change is being made to Ontario's publicly funded shingles (herpes zoster) immunization program?

Starting mid-October 2020, the Ontario publicly funded shingles immunization program, available for Ontario seniors ages 65 to 70 years, will begin to transition from funding the Zostavax® II (Merck Canada Inc.) vaccine to funding the Shingrix® (GSK) vaccine.

Who is eligible to receive the publicly funded Shingrix® vaccine?

Ontario seniors ages 65 to 70 years will be eligible for the publicly funded Shingrix vaccine, provided they have **not** received the Zostavax® II vaccine through the Ontario **publicly funded** shingles immunization program.

Seniors outside the eligibility criteria can speak with their primary health care provider (physician or nurse practitioner) about decisions around shingles immunization and purchasing the vaccine privately.

Can I receive Shingrix® if I previously received a dose of publicly funded Zostavax® II? Seniors aged 65 to 70 years who received the **publicly funded** Zostavax® II vaccine are **not** eligible for the **publicly funded** Shingrix® vaccine series. Seniors outside the eligibility criteria for publicly funded Shingrix® vaccine can speak with their primary health care provider about decisions around vaccination with Shingrix® by purchasing the vaccine privately.

Can I receive Shingrix® if I previously paid for a dose of Zostavax® II?

Seniors aged 65 to 70 years who previously paid for a dose of Zostavax® II vaccine are eligible for the publicly funded Shingrix® vaccine series. Seniors can speak with their primary health care provider about decisions around re-vaccination with Shingrix®.

What if I missed my shingles vaccine due to the COVID-19 pandemic and I am no longer in the eligible age cohort (65 to 70 years of age)?

As a result of COVID-19, individuals born in 1949 or 1950 (i.e., 70-year olds turning 71 in 2020 or 2021 calendar year) who have missed the opportunity to receive the publicly funded Zostavax® II are eligible to receive Shingrix® and complete the 2-dose series by December 31, 2021.

IF OHIP COVERED: \$0.00 for vaccine administration

IF NOT OHIP COVERED: \$20.00 for vaccine administration at clinic and prescription cost (prescription cost will vary depending on Pharmacy)