

MEDICATION SAFETY ALERT

Varicella Zoster vaccines - different preparations

There are THREE different varicella zoster vaccines available, with different licensed indications

Zostavax Injection

- For prevention of herpes zoster (**shingles**) in patients aged 70-80 years
- Vaccination programme on-going in primary care

Varivax or Varilrix Injection

- For prevention of varicella infection (**chickenpox**) in adults & children over 1 year
- For patients with specific risk e.g. prior to immunosuppressive therapy
- Prescribed by or on advice of relevant specialist team

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