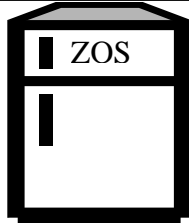


Herpes Zoster Vaccine (Zostavax)

<p>Indications for Use and Schedule <u>Routine Schedule:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 1 dose given at/after age 60 <p>A single dose of zoster vaccine is recommended for adults aged 60 years and older regardless of whether they report a previous episode of herpes zoster.</p>	<p>Vaccine Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Administer ZOSTAVAX as a single 0.65-mL dose subcutaneously in the deltoid region of the upper arm. · 5/8 inch needle; 23-25 gauge (all ages) · Can be given with other vaccines, at the same visit (Use separate sites; space at least 1 inch apart)
<p><u>"Live/Live Vaccine Rule":</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Zos, Var, MMR and/or LAIV must be given on the same day or separated by 28 days; · If not, vaccine(s) given 2nd must be repeated in 28 days <p>ACIP continues to recommend that zoster vaccine and PPSV be administered at the same visit if the person is eligible for both vaccines.</p>	<p>Storage and Handling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Store in the freezer only -58°F to +5°F (-50°C to -15°C) · Keep in the original box · Protect from light · Reconstitute using the Merck diluent only · The diluent should be stored separately at room temperature (68°F to 77°F, 20°C to 25°C), or in the refrigerator (36°F to 46°F, 2°C to 8°C). · Administer within 30 min of reconstituting 

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Do not administer ZOSTAVAX to individuals with a history of anaphylactic/anaphylactoid reaction to gelatin, neomycin or any other component of the vaccine. Neomycin allergy manifested as contact dermatitis is not a contraindication to receiving this vaccine.
- Pregnancy should be avoided for 3 months following administration of ZOSTAVAX.
- Persons with immunosuppression due to leukemia, lymphoma, generalized malignancy, immune deficiency disease or immunosuppressive therapy (i.e. chemotherapy, certain medications)

PRECAUTIONS

- Moderate to severe acute illness
- Current treatment with an antiviral drug active against herpesviruses

FURTHER POINTS

- Varicella-containing vaccines will be shipped directly from Merck with frozen gel packs that are good for up to 72 hours
- Do not transport varicella-containing vaccines on dry ice (-109°F); a type of portable freezer unit must be used
- ZOSTAVAX is not indicated for the treatment of zoster or postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) or for prevention of primary varicella infection (Chickenpox)
- Recent receipt of a blood product is **NOT** a precaution
- Zoster Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), is available at <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>
- Vaccinees and health care providers are encouraged to report any exposure to ZOSTAVAX during pregnancy by calling 1-800-986-8999.

For additional information, "Prevention of Herpes Zoster" at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr57e0515a1.htm>