

SINGLE-SHOT

**ZOSTAVAX® II**  
(zoster vaccine live, attenuated [Oka/Merck],  
refrigerator-stable)

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR DOCTOR

Not sure where to start the conversation around ZOSTAVAX® II with your doctor?  
**Here are some questions you can ask at your next appointment.**

- Am I at risk for shingles?

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- How painful can it be?

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- How long can the pain last?

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- Do I have to get vaccinated?

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- Am I eligible for ZOSTAVAX® II?

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- Have you had experience with the vaccine?

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- How much does vaccination cost?

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- How many visits will it take me to get vaccinated?

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- Should I be worried about side effects?

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ZOSTAVAX® II does not protect everyone, so some people who get the vaccine may still get shingles. However, if you develop shingles despite being vaccinated, ZOSTAVAX® II can help reduce the intensity and duration of pain. ZOSTAVAX® II is indicated for the prevention of herpes zoster (shingles) and for immunization of individuals 50 years of age or older. ZOSTAVAX® II cannot be used to treat existing shingles or the pain associated with existing shingles. ZOSTAVAX® II has not been studied in individuals who have previously experienced an episode of herpes zoster. Side effects and allergic reactions can occur. The most common side effects were at the injection site and included redness, pain, swelling, hard lump, itching, warmth, and bruising. Headache and pain in the arm or leg were also reported. ZOSTAVAX® II should not be used if you have a blood disorder or any type of cancer that weakens your immune system, a weakened immune system as a result of a disease, medication, or other treatment, active untreated tuberculosis or if you are pregnant. Ask your healthcare provider if ZOSTAVAX® II is right for you.

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