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FREE SHINGLES VACCINES FOR 70-79 YEAR OLDS FROM 1st NOVEMBER 2016

Shingles is a blistering and often painful rash occurring on areas of skin. This rash is caused by the re-activation of Chickenpox virus in the body's nerve cells. Shingles can occur in anyone who has been infected by Chickenpox in the past.

1 in 3 persons who have had Chickenpox in the past will be affected by Shingles. It can sometimes cause pain in the rash area for months after the rash has cleared. Sometimes the eye is affected and in rare cases can permanently damage vision.



The Immunise Australia Program (Australian Govt. Dept of Health) will provide free vaccines to anyone 70 – 79 years old from 1st November 2016.

Kelvale Medical Group will have the vaccine (Zostavax) available to eligible persons from Tuesday 1st November 2016.

Please phone our reception team on (08) 9495 1230 and request an appointment with our doctors for your free immunisation.



More Information / Helpful Links

Australian Government Immunise Australia Program Website:

<http://immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/immunise-herpes-zoster>

HealthDirect Website:

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/shingles>

Department of Health WA Website:

http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Shingles