Confirm diagnosis and therapy from patient notes or hospital letter. If in doubt defer vaccine and seek advice from hospital specialist/prescribing consultant.

Delay vaccine for 1 year to optimise response. This interval can be reduced to ensure vaccine offered before age 80.

If acutely unwell, defer until recovered. Minor illnesses are not a contraindication.

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Delay vaccination until 48 hours after stopping antivirals. Topical antivirals are not a contraindication.

Patients aged 70 or 78 years or those in their 70s born on or after 2 September 1942 who have never received a live shingles vaccine (Zostavax) remain eligible to receive the vaccine until their 80th birthday.