

# MEDICAL ADVISORY PANEL STATEMENT



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## Shingles Vaccine

Patients with a Primary Antibody Deficiency who are on replacement antibody therapy, should not normally receive this vaccination. If they develop shingles, they should see their GP immediately for treatment with acyclovir or other anti-shingles medication.

Shingles affects one side of the body only and appears as painful spots or pustules.

## WARNING

The shingles vaccine is a live vaccine and therefore must **not** be given to patients who have an immune deficiency, **unless** their **Clinical Immunologist** advises that they ***should*** receive it.

Patients should discuss this with their Clinical Immunologist.

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