



## **Zostavax<sup>®</sup> and Hepatitis A and Typhoid PGD expiry extensions: Information for healthcare professionals**

### **Why have the Zostavax<sup>®</sup> and Hepatitis A and Typhoid PGDs been extended?**

There were slightly different reasons for extending both PGDs.

ViaTIM<sup>®</sup> (combined Hepatitis A and Typhoid PGD) has been withdrawn from the UK market; although this decision was taken over a year ago, there would be a time lag between this decision being taken and the last of the UK marketed stock to finally expire, which will happen on 31 May 2024. There may be some NHS providers who wish to continue offering individuals a 2-in-one hepatitis A and typhoid vaccine; extending the PGD by 3 months beyond the original expiry enables providers to do this. Otherwise, a PSD or other individual prescription would be required.

The expiry date of the Zostavax<sup>®</sup> PGD has been extended by a further 4 months, as this reflects the latest expiry date of our centrally-held stocks. Originally, the longest dated stock was due to expire 30 June 2024; a subsequent delivery post-publication with an expiry of 31 October 2024 was received. Zostavax<sup>®</sup> continues to be the first-line shingles vaccine for those aged 70-79 years old (before 1 September 2023) who are not immunosuppressed until all Zostavax<sup>®</sup> stocks are exhausted. Without the national PGD, alternative legal mechanisms such as a PSD, would be required to administer Zostavax<sup>®</sup> beyond 30 June 2024, in order to avoid wastage. Without this reauthorisation, the expiry dates on the original document will stand and the PGD cannot be used as the legal mechanism for administering the vaccine.

### **Is extending a PGD expiry legal?**

Yes,. PGDs may be extended by a maximum of 1 year, provided the renewed expiry date does not exceed 3 years from authorisation of the document.

As both the Zostavax<sup>®</sup> and Hep A/ Typhoid PGDs are being extended by less than a year, and both PGDs had an expiry of 2 years or less, these extensions are well within the maximum permissible timeframe.

### **I'm a vaccinator - do I have to sign the PGD again?**

No, there is no requirement for you to do this, provided that you have continued to keep your knowledge, skills and competence up to date.

### **What should I do once the updated expiry dates for each PGD are reached?**

For Zostavax<sup>®</sup>, once all supplies are exhausted, individuals eligible for immunisation against shingles can only be offered Shingrix<sup>®</sup> and therefore you should ensure you are signed off under section 7 of the authorised [Shingrix<sup>®</sup> template](#) for your region.

Individuals eligible for both hepatitis A and typhoid vaccines in the same consultation (under NHS care) should be vaccinated under the individual [hepatitis A](#) and [typhoid](#) PGDs. Practitioners who have not declared their competency against these individual PGDs should do so before May 2024.