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BOARD NOTICE

The Board would like to pass along this advisory on a new version of varicella vaccine, Shingrix® (zoster vaccine recombinant, adjuvanted). RSA 318:16-b allows a pharmacist to administer varicella zoster vaccine to an individual 18 years of age or older, regardless of brand, per FDA package insert. The current CDC Vaccine Information Sheet (VIC) states a patient requires one dose of vaccine (Zostavax®), however, Shingrix® requires two doses, spaced 2 to 6 months apart.

Until the current CDC Vaccine Information Sheet is revised or a new VIC is created specifically for Shingrix®, the pharmacist who administers the vaccine is responsible to communicate the need for two doses to a patient and to ensure the patient fully understands this important difference between Shingrix® and the current CDC Vaccine Information Sheet. It is recommended that the pharmacist note the need for the second dose on the VIC that is provided to the patient and that proper followup is documented in the patients notes.

For more information on the Shingrix® visit: <https://www.shingrix.com>

For more information on the ACIP recommendations for Shingrix®, visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/shingles/vaccination.html>

Sincerely,

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