



CLL SUPPORT

Helping people affected by CLL and SLL

Special news bulletin

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Shingrix shingles vaccination to be extended to all immunocompromised people over 50 from 1 September 2023, with no upper age limit.

We are very pleased to announce that, following pressure from blood cancer charities, including CLL Support, the Shingrix vaccine, previously restricted to people aged 70-79 will, from September, be available to all immunocompromised people over 50, including CLL patients.

This is excellent news, and we understand that details are being sent to GPs and hospitals now.

People with CLL are vulnerable to shingles, which can be very painful, and sometimes has severe side effects. We suggest that you should be familiar with the symptoms and treatment. More details can be found on our website:

[More about shingles](#)

We strongly recommend you contact your GP to arrange vaccination when it is available in September.

Please note that you should not have standard vaccine, which is a live vaccine, and only Shingrix is currently recommended for people with CLL.

Flu vaccination

It may seem early to start thinking about winter when we're in the middle of summer.

However, we've heard that some chemists, including Boots, are already starting to book vaccination appointments! There is always a last minute rush as winter approaches, so now may be a good time to get in early.
