1. **What is Zoster vaccine for?**

Varicella zoster virus (VZV) is the virus that causes chickenpox. After a person has chickenpox, the virus stays in the body and can reactivate later in life to cause shingles.

2. **What is shingles?**

Shingles is caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV), which enters the body and stays there after causing chickenpox. Years later, the virus can come back to cause shingles. Shingles can cause pain and blisters on the skin. The rash usually starts on one side of the body and can spread to the other side. It can also cause other symptoms, such as headache, fever, and joint pain.

3. **Who should get the Zoster vaccine?**

The Zoster vaccine is recommended for people aged 60 and older. It is also recommended for people with certain medical conditions, such as immunocompromised states, HIV, or those taking certain medications that affect the immune system.

**Note:**

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