



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Health**

Dear Immunisation Provider,

### **UPDATE ON THE SUPPLY OF SHINGRIX®**

Thank you for your continued collaboration through the rollout of the shingles vaccine, Shingrix®. The response from the community and uptake has been very positive. As you know, this better-than-expected demand has exceeded forecasts and put pressure on supply which may impact your clinics.

The Commonwealth government has been working with GSK to secure additional supply to help reduce the pressure on clinics. I'm pleased to advise that there will be additional National Immunisation Program (NIP) Shingrix® vaccines arriving in Australia in the first week of May and expect these in Western Australia by the second week of May. There will also be increased ongoing supply that I hope will make it easier for you to manage the needs of the patients at your practice or community pharmacy.

While we wait for this additional supply to arrive, ordering caps have been lowered so that we can continue to supply Shingrix® vaccines particularly to patients:

- who require their second dose before the middle of May, or
- who may be at particularly high risk for shingles.

Please check your stock before you order, reschedule clinics if possible, and refrain from ordering Shingrix® unless absolutely necessary.

Please be assured that this shortage is temporary and that we will have sufficient supply very soon. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support during this time and for your ongoing work to protect Western Australians from shingles.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo-Anne Morgan".

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