

SHINGLES

PREVENTION STARTS WITH AN INFORMED CONVERSATION

If you're 50 years or older, you may be at risk of Shingles disease with the symptoms of painful, blistering rash - no matter how healthy you may feel. You can use this guide at your next doctor's appointment to learn more.

QUICK FACTS:1,2

Shingles is caused by the reactivation of the varicella zoster virus, the same virus that caused chickenpox.





Over 90% of adults 50 years and older already carry the virus, and 1 in 3 will get Shingles in their lifetime.

Shingles symptoms may include painful rash and intense itching.





While most people recover, Shingles can lead to painful long-term complications.

Shingles can disrupt your life for weeks, months, or even years.



SHINGLES AWARENESS WEEK

ENJOY YOUR LIFE AWAY FROM SHINGLES PAIN

GET THE **CONVERSATION** STARTED

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION

Lam over 50 but feel healthy and try to stay fit. Am I still at risk for Shingles?

People talk about the terrible impact Shingles pain has had on their lives. Is it that painful?

Can you tell me more about the potential long-term complications of Shingles?

If I haven't had chickenpox, can I get Shingles?

I've had Shingles before. Can I get it again?

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Take to your Doctor about Shingles disease and how you can be protected

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