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Proposal to fund zoster vaccine: supplementary submission

Dear Lindsay

Further to our submission of 26 September 2017, we wish to make a supplementary submission on the proposal to fund zoster vaccine. While PHARMAC is proposing to fund the zoster vaccine for the prevention of shingles for people aged 65 years, we note that PTAC's assessment in 2015 acknowledged that the vaccine may be more effective in younger groups. Accordingly, we ask PHARMAC to consider lowering the age threshold for this vaccine.

We hope that our feedback is helpful.

Yours sincerely



Dr Kate Baddock
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