

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF HERPES ZOSTER VACCINATION OF ADULTS OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE

SUBMITTED BY: Emory Student Nurses Association

WHEREAS, half of the population experiences an episode of herpes zoster by 85 years of age; and
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 WHEREAS, post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN) is a secondary pain condition that can last from months to years; and
 WHEREAS, PHN in older adults is likely to restrict activity which further contributes to disability and functional decline; and
 WHEREAS, treatment for herpes zoster is often complicated by patients not seeking early primary-care intervention, mistaken diagnosis, and a lack of effective drugs; and
 WHEREAS, a safe and effective herpes zoster vaccine is available to prevent herpes zoster; and
 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the herpes zoster vaccine for people 60 years and older who have no contraindications; and
 WHEREAS, Medicare coverage of the vaccine is yet to be determined; therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) encourage its constituents to support herpes zoster vaccination; and be it further
 RESOLVED, that the NSNA support Medicare coverage of the herpes zoster vaccine; and be it further
 RESOLVED, that the NSNA publish an informative article on this topic in *Imprint*, if feasible; and be it further
 RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, the National League of Nursing, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Gerontological Society of America, the National Gerontological Nursing Association, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, the American Academy of Nursing, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the American Hospital Association, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, the National Council on Aging, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, and any other organizations deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.