SHINGLES FACT SHEET

SHINGLES IS A THREAT TO NEARLY EVERYONE

99% OF ADULTS ≥50 YEARS OLD are infected with the virus that causes shingles

1 IN 3 PEOPLE in the US will develop shingles in their lifetime

There are an estimated 1 MILLION cases of shingles each year in the US

SHINGLES COMPLICATIONS

Shingles is a serious condition that can lead to postherpetic neuralgia (PHN), as well as other complications

PHN:
• PHN, pain persisting for 3 or more months after the resolution of a rash, is a potential complication of shingles
• PHN affects 13% to 20% of patients; incidence of PHN increases with age

AGE AND THE RISING COST OF SHINGLES

• On average, shingles is associated with an additional $1,809 in healthcare costs for individual patients
• Studies have shown that costs associated with shingles increase with age

HOW CAN YOU HELP PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS?

As of 2015, only 30.6% of adults 60 years of age and older reported having received the shingles vaccine. Play a significant role in helping increase shingles vaccination rates and talk to your patients today.