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# The Predicted Public Health Impact of RZV in Canadian Adults $\geq 50$ Years of Age

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# BACKGROUND AND AIMS

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- Herpes Zoster (HZ), also known as shingles, is characterized by a unilateral vesicular rash.<sup>1</sup> It can lead to complications, the most common being postherpetic neuralgia (PHN), a debilitating nerve pain affecting 14%-33% of HZ patients.<sup>2</sup>
- In Canada, approximately 1 in 3 people will develop HZ over their lifetime, with this risk increasing to almost 50% by age 85.<sup>3</sup> HZ and PHN place a significant burden on the Canadian healthcare system<sup>4,5</sup> and with the aging population, the incidence of these are expected to increase.<sup>6,7</sup>



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# BACKGROUND AND AIMS

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- Two HZ vaccines are licensed for use in Canadian adults  $\geq 50$  years old (y):
  1. Adjuvanted Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV)<sup>1</sup>
  2. Zoster Vaccine Live (ZVL)<sup>2</sup>
- This analysis reports the predicted public health impact of both vaccines in adults  $\geq 50$ y in terms of:



HZ & PHN cases avoided



Number needed to vaccinate (NNV) to prevent one case of HZ or PHN



Hospitalizations and physician visits avoided

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# METHODS

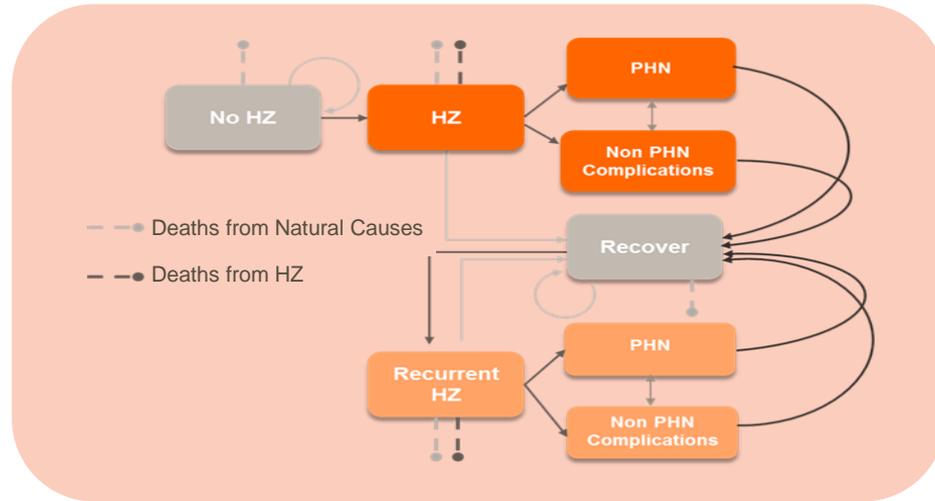
## Zoster ecoNomic Analyses (ZONA) Model

### Global Inputs

Vaccine Efficacy (VE)  
for RZV and ZVL

Duration of protection

### Static Multi-Cohort Markov Model<sup>1</sup>



What is the public health impact?

- RZV
- ZVL
- No Vaccination

### Local inputs:

- Demographics
- HZ/PHN incidence
- Compliance 2<sup>nd</sup> dose
- Utility losses
- Resource utilization

# METHODS

## Key Model Input Source Data

Disease incidence	Total					Source / Comments
	50-59y	60-64y	65-69y	70-79y	≥80y	
Annual probability of initial or recurrent HZ case (per 1,000)	6.0	8.7	8.7	10.9	11.1	Marra <i>et al.</i> 2016 <sup>1</sup>
Proportion of cases developing PHN	14.60%	20.50%	20.50%	33.80%	33.80%	Drolet <i>et al.</i> 2010 <sup>2</sup>

75%

Second Dose Compliance for RZV<sup>3,4</sup>

80%

Vaccine Coverage Estimate\*

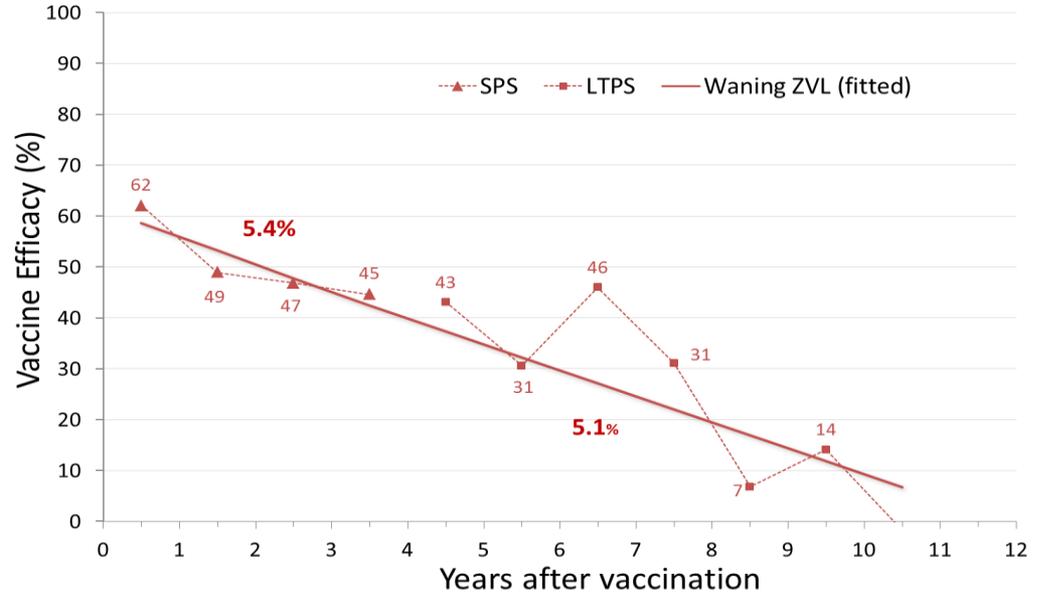
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## HZ Vaccine Efficacy Waning Over Time: ZVL

### ZVL Results from Clinical Trials<sup>1-3</sup>

VE vs.	HZ	PHN
50-59y	69.80%	-
60-64y	63.89%	65.69%
65-69y	63.89%	65.69%
70-79y	40.85%	73.38%
≥80y	18.25%	39.51%



There are no head to head studies comparing the efficacy of RZV and ZVL.

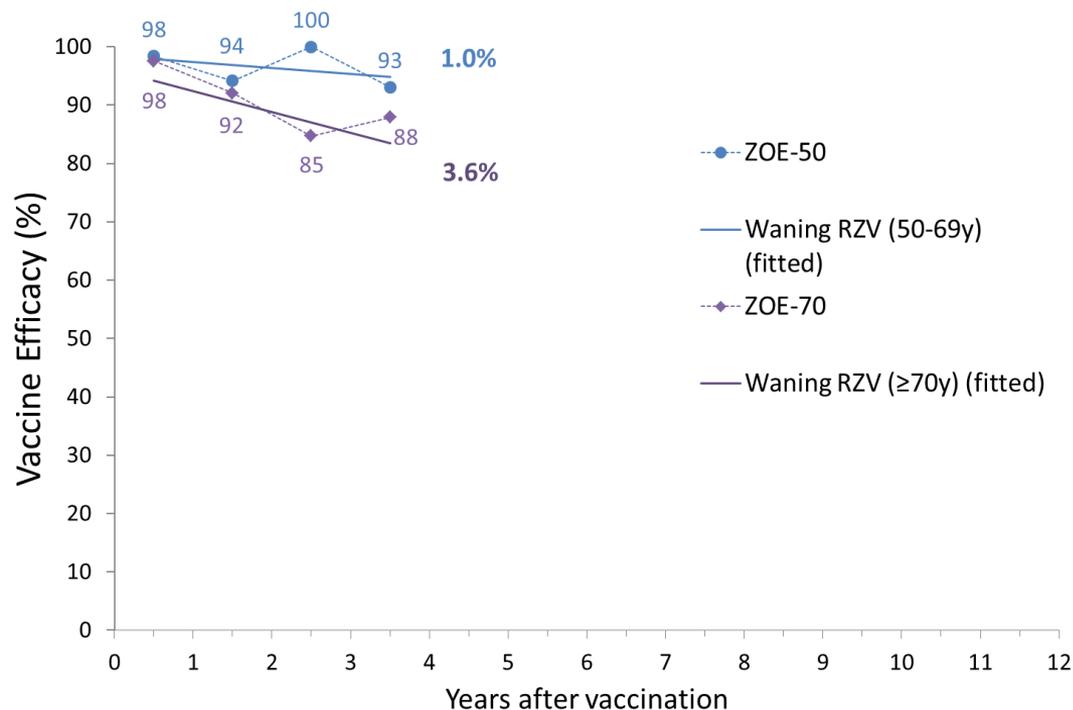
HZ, Herpes Zoster; LTPS, Long Term Persistence Study; PHN, postherpetic neuralgia; SPS, Shingles Prevention Study, VE, vaccine efficacy; Y, Years-old of age; ZVL, Zoster Vaccine Live

# METHODS

## HZ Vaccine Efficacy Waning Over Time: RZV

### RZV Results from Clinical Trials<sup>1,2</sup>

	VE vs. HZ	CI
≥50y	97.2%	93.7%-99.0%
≥70y	91.3%	86.8%-94.5%



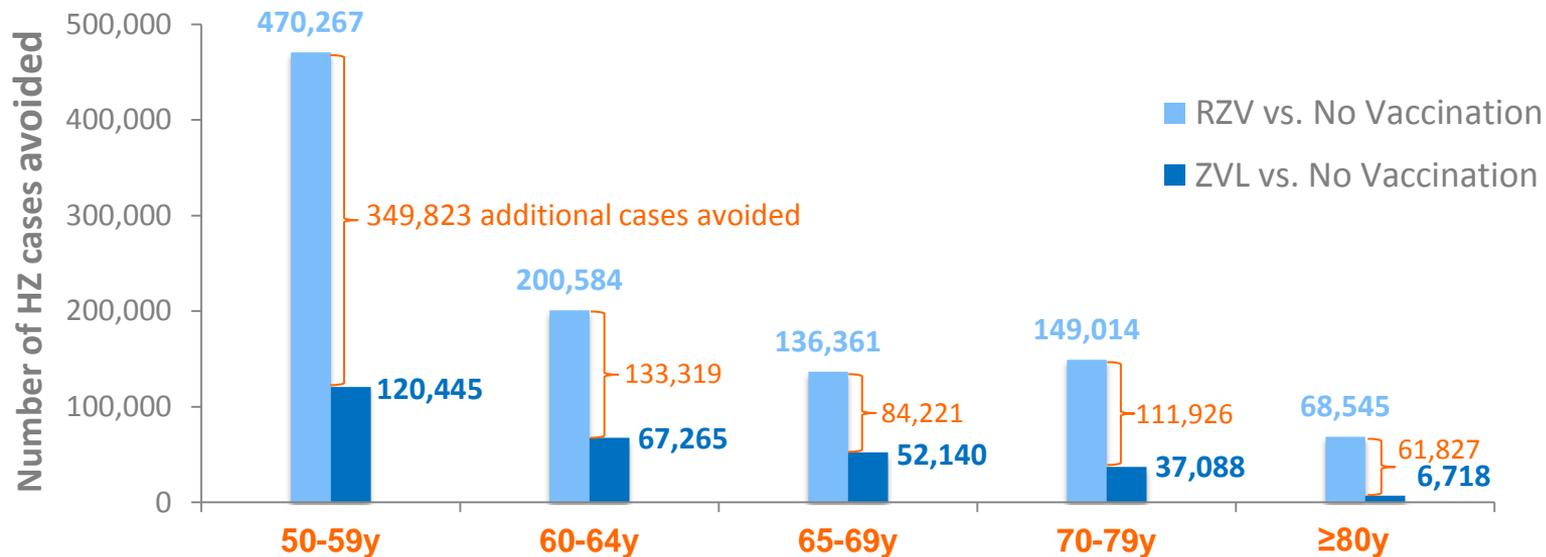
CI, confidence interval; HZ, Herpes Zoster; RZV, Adjuvanted Recombinant Zoster Vaccine; VE, vaccine efficacy

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# RESULTS

Model-predicted HZ cases avoided by age group for RZV and ZVL, over the lifetime of the cohort.

Amongst the approximately 12 million Canadian adults  $\geq 50$  years old, the ZONA model predicts that **RZV immunization would prevent 741,116 additional cases of HZ compared to ZVL** over the lifetime of the cohort.

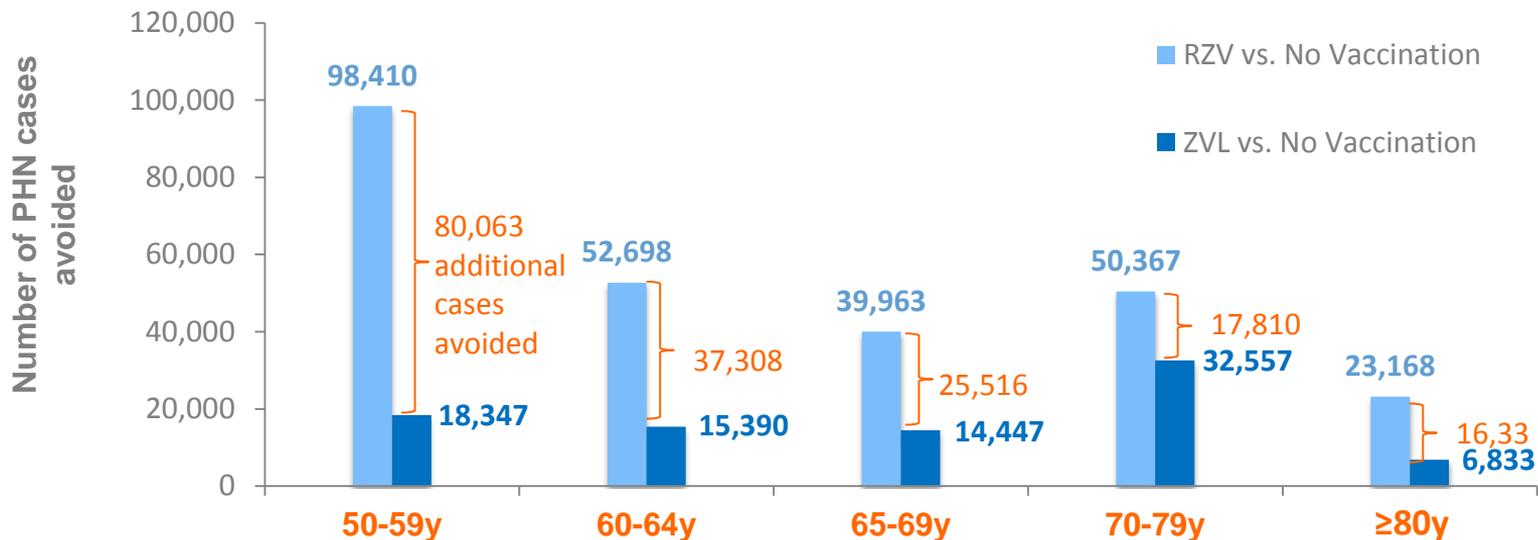


HZ: Herpes zoster; RZV: Adjuvanted Recombinant Zoster Vaccine; ZVL: Zoster Vaccine Live; y: years

# RESULTS

Model-predicted PHN cases avoided by age group for RZV and ZVL, over the lifetime of the cohort.

Amongst the approximately 12 million Canadian adults  $\geq 50y$ , the ZONA model predicts that **RZV immunization would prevent 177,031 additional cases of PHN compared to ZVL** over the lifetime of the cohort.



PHN: postherpetic neuralgia; RZV: Adjuvanted Recombinant Zoster Vaccine; ZVL: Zoster Vaccine Live; y: years.

# RESULTS

Model-predicted resource utilization by age group comparing RZV and ZVL, over the lifetime of the cohort.

This would translate into 7,411 additional hospitalizations avoided and 1,845,378 additional general practitioner visits avoided by using RZV compared to ZVL.

Resource Utilization	50-59y	60-64y	65-69y	70-79y	≥80y	≥50y combined
Additional hospitalizations avoided using RZV instead of ZVL	3,498	1,333	842	1,119	618	7,411
Additional family practitioner visits avoided using RZV instead of ZVL	871,059	331,965	209,709	278,695	153,949	1,845,378

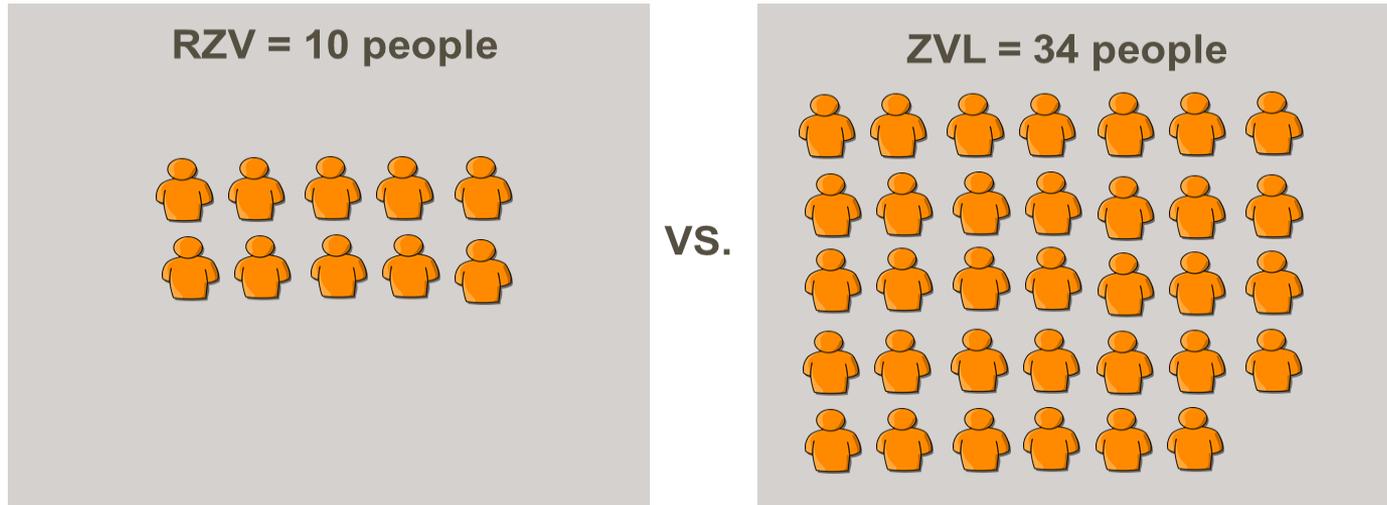
RZV: Adjuvanted Recombinant Zoster Vaccine; ZVL: Zoster Vaccine Live; y: years.

# RESULTS

Number needed to vaccinate to prevent one case of HZ in Canadian adults  $\geq 50$ y.

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The model predicts that approximately 3 times as many individuals  $\geq 50$ y would need to be immunized with ZVL compared to RZV to prevent one case of **HZ**.

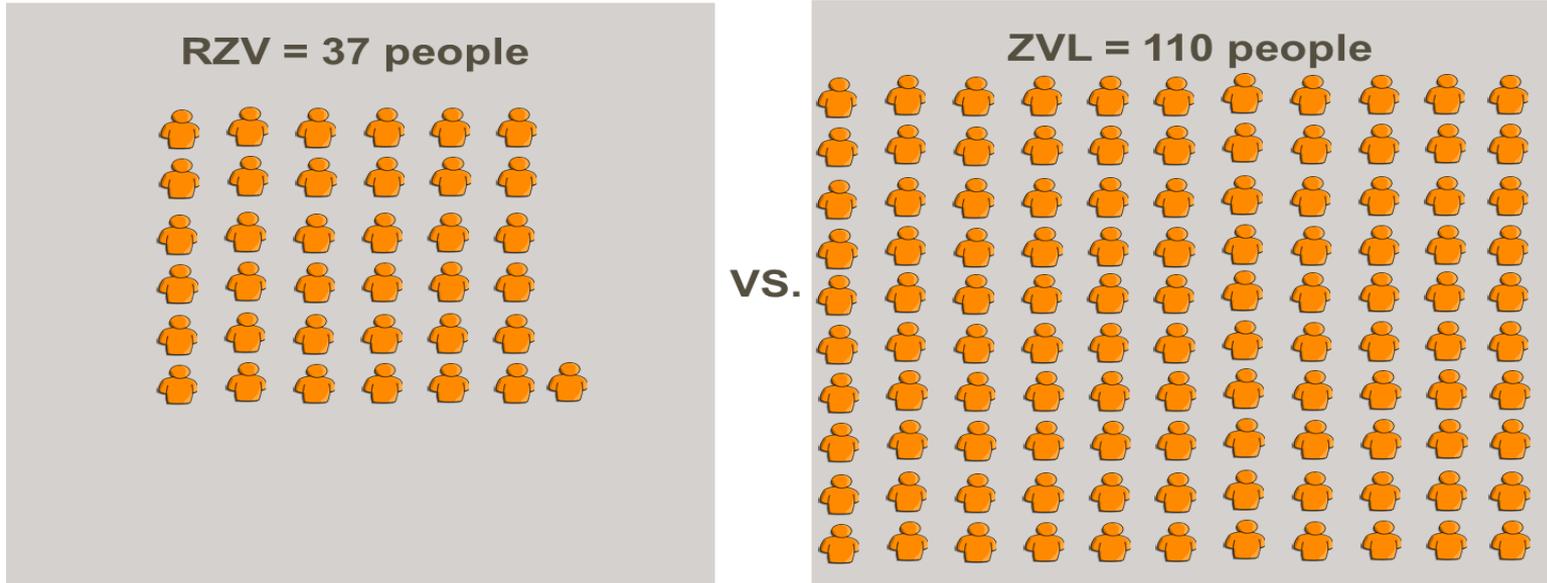


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# DISCUSSION

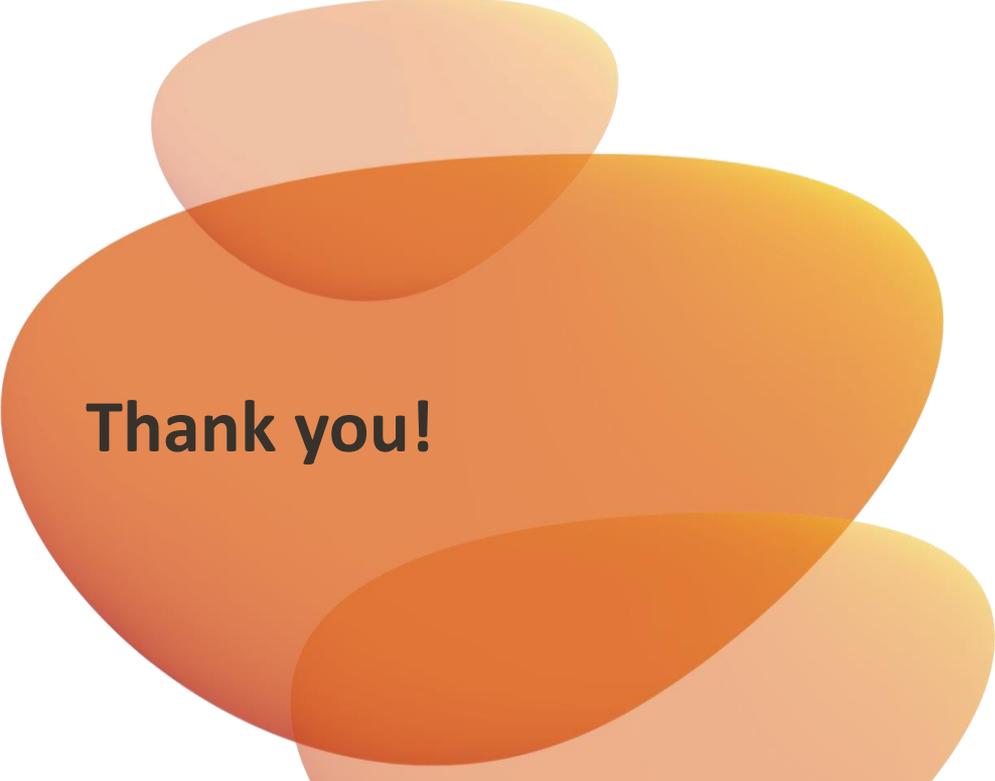
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- While models are not a substitute for epidemiologic data, mathematical models are an important tool to help policy makers and public health officials make informed decisions.
  - As with all models, where data were sparse, we were forced to make a number of key assumptions:
    - VE estimates were based on clinical trial data as RZV has only recently been approved and real world evidence has not yet been collected.
    - To evaluate VE over time, a linear approximation was fitted to the yearly VE estimates derived from these trials to extrapolate efficacy beyond four years.
    - Assumptions of coverage rate and second-dose compliance as there are no good proxies for these in Canadian adult immunizations.
  - ZONA model predicts that RZV can avoid more cases of HZ and PHN compared to ZVL in Canadian adults.
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# CONCLUSIONS

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- Models allow us to simulate the effects of an immunization program and compare that to other potential immunization programs or to no immunization program.
  - This analysis can help healthcare practitioners, policy makers, and public health officials make informed decisions about HZ vaccines.
  - The model predicts a greater reduction in HZ and PHN morbidity and healthcare utilization associated with RZV compared to ZVL immunization.
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# BACK-UP SLIDES

# Summary of National Assumptions

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	RZV	ZVL
Cohort of Interest	≥ 50 year olds in Canada	≥ 50 year olds in Canada
Vaccine Coverage	80%	80%
Second Dose Adherence	75%	N/A
Vaccine Efficacy	ZOE 50 (Lal <i>et al.</i> 2015) ZOE 70 (Cunningham <i>et al.</i> 2016)	SPS (Oxman <i>et al.</i> 2005) LTPS (Morrison <i>et al.</i> 2015) ZEST (Vesikari <i>et al.</i> 2013)
Waning VE	Age and duration since immunization specific estimates based off ZOE-50 and ZOE-70, validated at Global Advisory Board <sup>1</sup>	Linear function of waning immunity from SPS, LTPS, and ZEST studies, as validated at Global Advisory Board <sup>1</sup>

The studies referred to in the above chart are not head to head studies. There are no efficacy studies comparing RZV to ZVL. Comparative claims cannot be made.

# Vaccine Efficacy

RZV

## Vaccine Efficacy HZ

ZOE 50 (Lal *et al.* 2015)

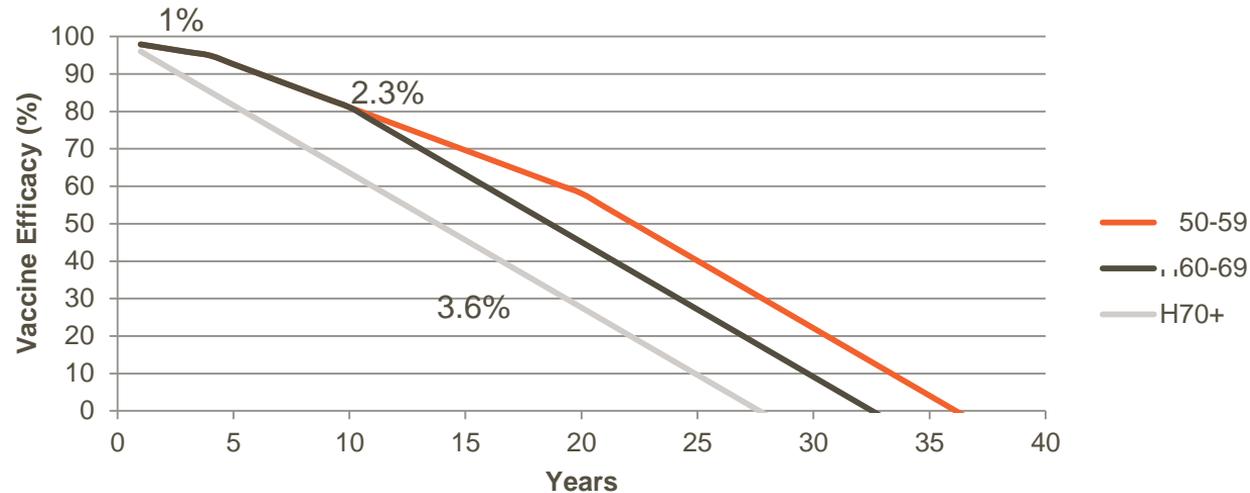
ZOE 70 (Cunningham *et al.* 2016)

### Initial VE RZV

- **Age 50-69:** 98.4% (95%-100%)
- **Age 70+:** 97.8% (94.1%-100%)
- No top-up PHN Efficacy

What does this mean for the model?<sup>1,2</sup>

### Duration of Protection RZV<sup>1</sup>



# One dose Vaccine Efficacy

RZV

## Vaccine Efficacy HZ<sup>2</sup>

ZOE 50 (Lal *et al.* 2015)

ZOE 70 (Cunningham *et al.* 2016)

Age strata	95% CI	95% CI	
		(%)	LL
50-69	90.09	58.93	98.88
≥70	69.51	24.94	89.11

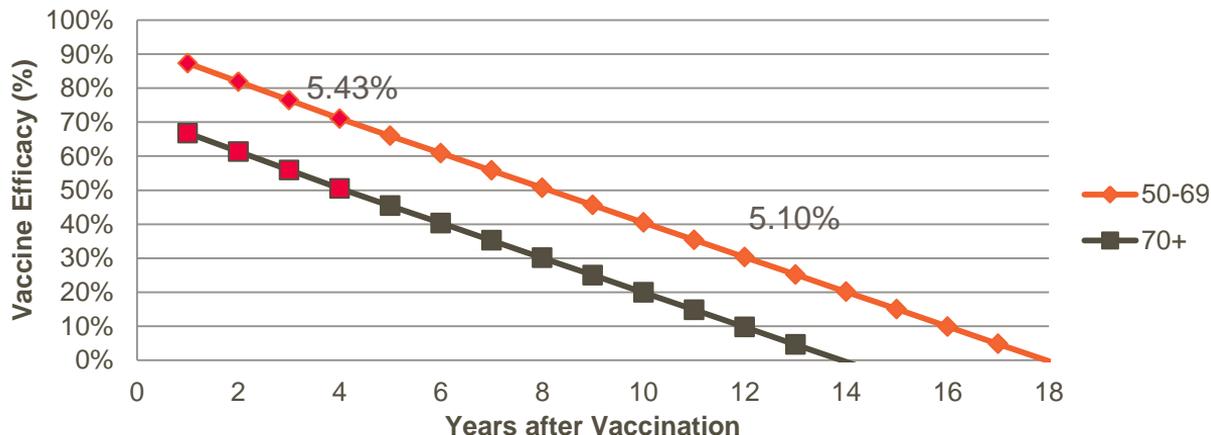
### <sup>2</sup>Follow up time <3 months

<sup>a</sup> Based on 2 subjects with a case of HZ in the RZV group and 19 subjects with a case of HZ in the placebo group.

<sup>b</sup> Based on 7 subjects with a case of HZ in the RZV group and 20 subjects with a case of HZ in the placebo group.

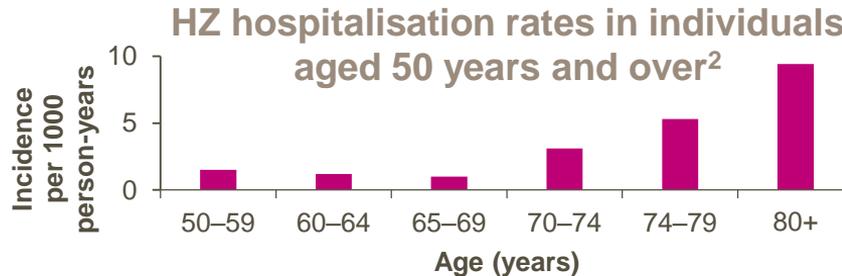
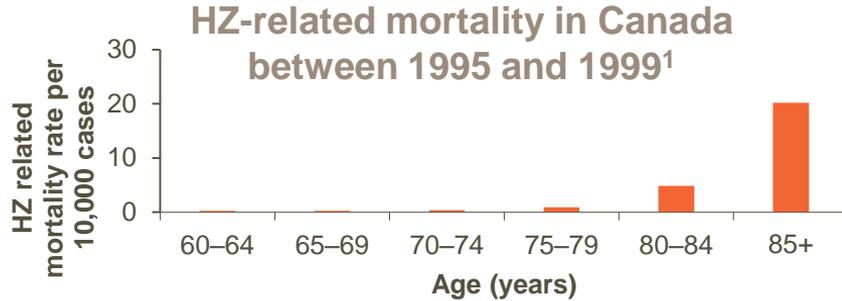
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### Duration of Protection one dose RZV



# Burden of Disease in Canada

Hospitalisation, mortality and costs



- \$CAN 101 (without PHN)<sup>2</sup>
- \$CAN 1559 (with PHN)<sup>1</sup>

Drugs costs per HZ case



- 60-64 y: 2.8
- 65-69 y: 3.9
- 70-74 y: 3.8
- 75-79 y: 4.3
- 80-84 y: 4.8
- All age groups: 4.0

Average number of physicians visits for HZ with PHN<sup>1</sup>



- 60-64 y: 14.2 days
- 65-69 y: 18.2 days
- 70-74 y: 15.9 days
- 75-79 y: 18.5 days
- 80-84 y: 24.1 days
- All age groups: 21.6 days

Average length of stay in hospital for HZ without PHN<sup>1</sup>



- \$CAN 821 (min 411, max 1232) (calculated for 2005)<sup>2</sup>
- \$CAN 590 (95% CI 531.4-649.5) (calculated for 2008)<sup>1</sup>

Mean cost per day of hospitalisation with HZ



**HZ places a significant burden on the Canadian healthcare system**

# Impact to Work Productivity and Absenteeism<sup>1</sup>



- Adults 50+ actively employed with HZ or HZ associated pain.
- Measure HZ-related burden of illness, Quality of Life

**57.7%**

Reported work-time loss due to HZ episode

**9.1  
days**

Average number of days of work lost due to shingles

**66%**

Reported decreased work productivity