



## Zoster Vaccine Live

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## Drug Levels and Effects

### Summary of Use during Lactation

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the several health professional organizations state that vaccines given to a nursing mother do not affect the safety of breastfeeding for mothers or infants and that breastfeeding is not a contraindication to Herpes zoster vaccine in the breastfeeding mother.[1][2][3][4] It is unlikely that women in the target population of over 60 years of age would be nursing an infant.

### Drug Levels

*Maternal Levels.* Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

*Infant Levels.* Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

### Effects in Breastfed Infants

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

### Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

## References

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## Substance Identification

### Substance Name

Zoster Vaccine Live

### Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Vaccines