

ZOSTAVAX LAWSUIT TIMELINE

Zostavax is a shingles vaccine that is facing a new lawsuit alleging the vaccine actually causes a patient to get the virus

2006

Merck & Co. get initial FDA approval for Zostavax vaccine in adults over 60

2011

Zostavax gets FDA approval for use in individuals 50-59

2015

First public reports and studies of problems with Zostavax start coming out

2016

The first of many Zostavax lawsuits was filed in 2016 alleging the vaccine causes serious injuries

2017

GlaxoSmithKline comes out with better, safer shingles vaccine called Shingrix and Zostavax no longer used

2018

Thousands of Zostavax lawsuits are pending and MDL is created in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

2019

Judge in Zostavax MDL orders Merck to release adverse incident reports. Initial bellwether trials are scheduled for 2020