

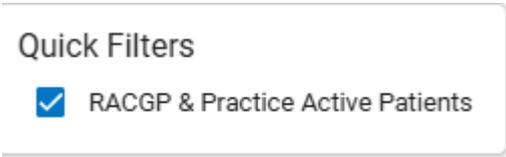
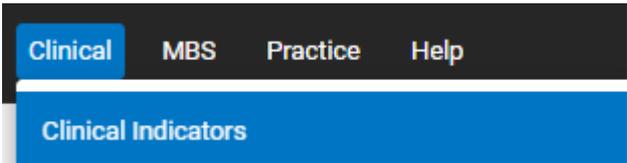
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From 1 November 2023, the shingles vaccine Shingrix® will replace Zostavax® on the NIP schedule. The groups eligible to receive the free vaccine will also change. The NIP will fund a 2-dose course for eligible people. (see link below)

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-immunisation-program-shingles-program-advice-for-vaccination-providers?language=en>

These walkthroughs will identify eligible patients under 3 streams:

- Adults aged 65 years and over (non Indigenous) **(Cohort 1)**
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged 50 years and over **(Cohort 2)**
- Immunocompromised adults aged 18 years and over with the following medical conditions: • haemopoietic stem cell transplant • solid organ transplant • haematological malignancy • advanced or untreated HIV. **(Cohort 3)**

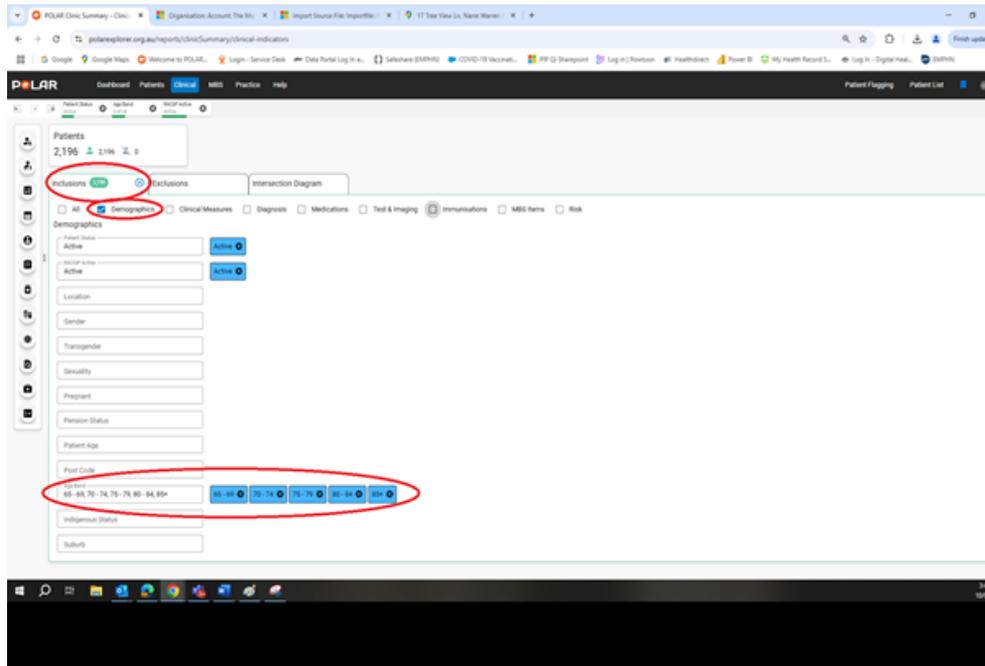
<p><b>Step 1</b> Open POLAR under Reports select the Clinic Summary Report</p>	<p>Polarexplorer.org.au/login</p> 
<p><b>Step 2</b> Select the Shortcut RACGP &amp; Practice Active Patients</p>	
<p><b>Step 3</b> Select Clinical/Clinical Indicators</p>	

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## Step 4 Cohort 1 Adults over 65 years (non-indigenous)

- Select Inclusion Tab
- Tick demographics
- Select age bands:
  - 65-69
  - 70-74
  - 75-79
  - 80-84
  - 85+

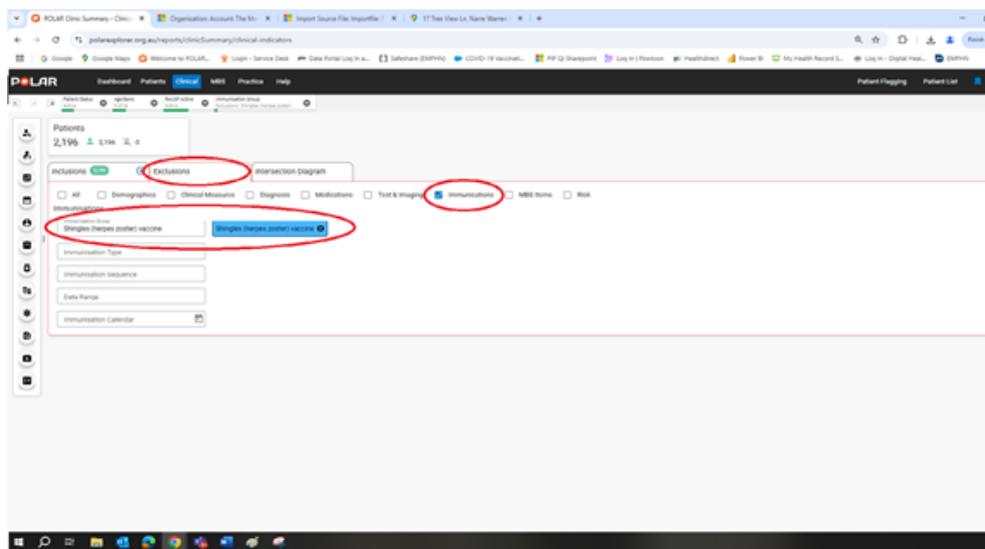
-Confirm the selection



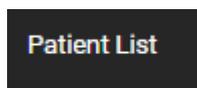
## Step 5 -Select Exclusion tab -Tick Immunisations

- In the Immunisation Group
- Enter shingles in the search
- Confirm the selection.

*You now have a list of patients who are Active, RACGP active, 65+ and have not received a Shingles/Zostavax vaccine at your practice previously.*



## Step 6 -Select Patient List to view patient names



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-Select Export Data to export the Patient List to Excel



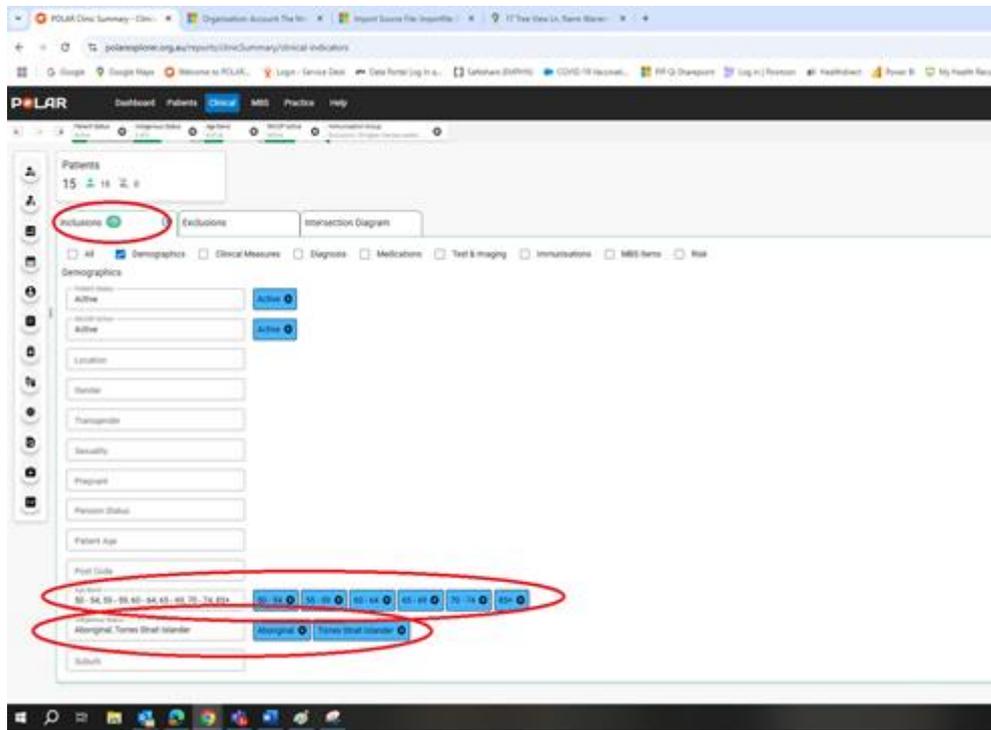
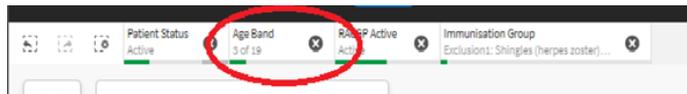
You can further sort by provider and print if needed

## Step 7 Cohort 2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged 50 years and over.

-Remove the previous Age Band Filter only  
-Go back to Inclusion Tab/Demographics

- Under Indigenous Status select
  - Aboriginal
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
  - Torres Strait Islander

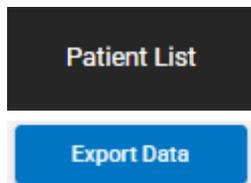
-Confirm the selections.  
-Go to Age band and add the age bands:  
50-54    80-84  
55-59    85+  
60-64  
65-69  
70-74  
75-79



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You now have a list of Active/RACGP active patients who are 50+ and are Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander and have not had the Shingles/Zostava x vaccination at your clinic.

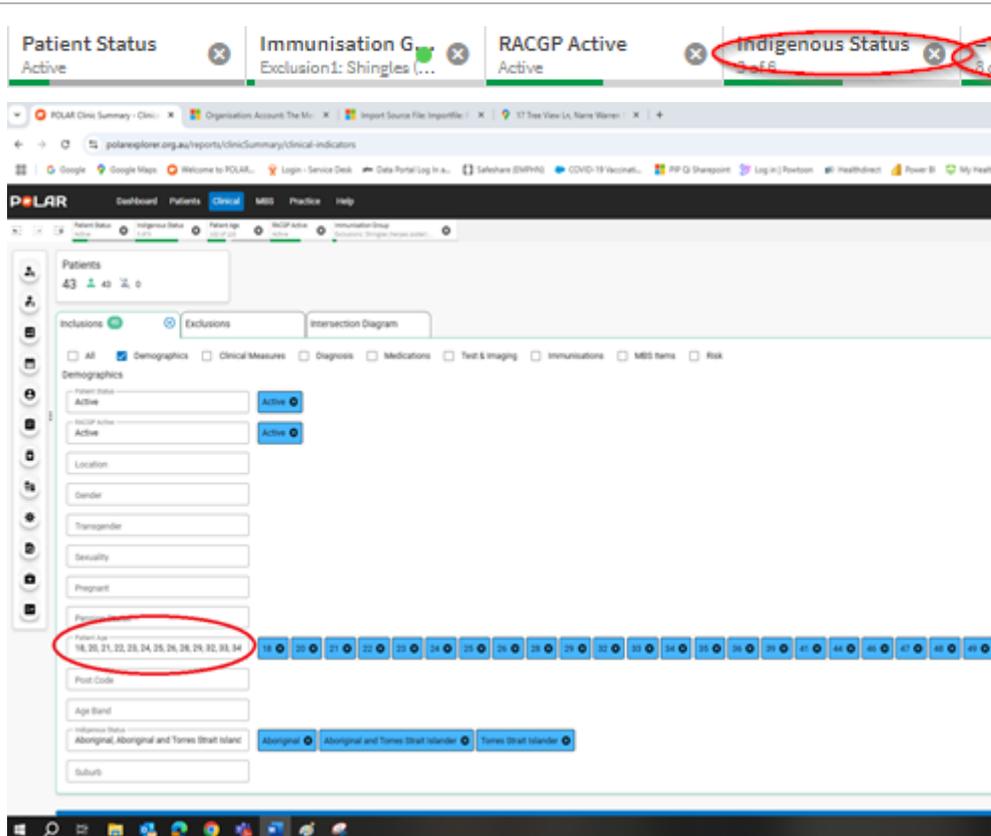
- Select patient list to view your list
- Select Export Data to export to Excel and sort as per above.



**Cohort 3**  
Immunocompromised adults aged 18 years and over with the following medical conditions:

- haemopoietic stem cell transplant
- solid organ transplant
- haematological malignancy
- advanced or untreated HIV

- Remove the Age Band filter and the Indigenous Status filter.
- In inclusion filter tab under Demographics select Patient Age
- In the type to search section enter the equation  $\geq 18$



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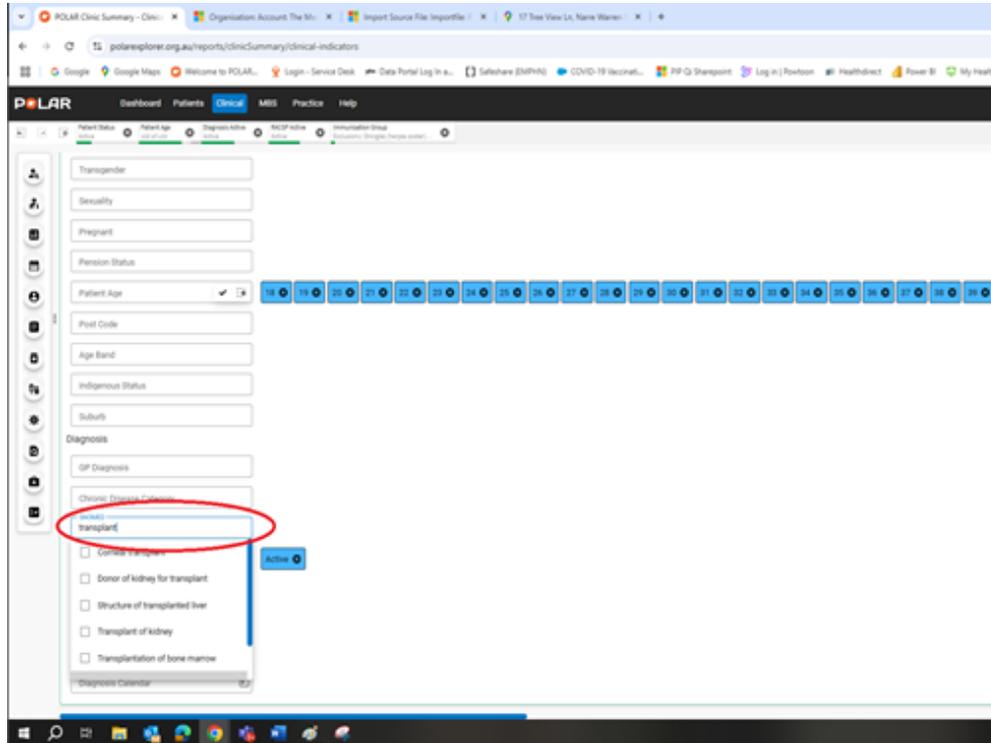
then hit Enter and confirm the selection.

In the Diagnosis tab

-Under Diagnosis Active select Active.

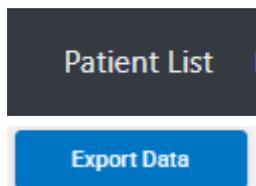
-Under SNOMED search as per the above cohort (you may need to play around with how these are recorded under SNOMED).

*You now have a list of Active/RACGP active patients who are 18+, have an Active Diagnosis as per the chronic condition selected in the SNOMED column and have not had the Shingles/Zostava x vaccination at your clinic.*



-Select Patient List to view your list

-Select Export Data to export to Excel to sort as per above.



## Where to get help

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