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Rabies vaccine availability

Information for health professionals

Travellers visiting areas where rabies occurs should be [made aware of the risk and know what to do if they are bitten or scratched](#). Guidance on the risk of rabies in individual countries is available on the [Country Information](#) pages.

Health professionals are reminded of the importance of ensuring accurate risk assessment and offering rabies vaccine when clinically indicated. Advice on pre-exposure (prophylactic) and reinforcing immunisation is available in the [Green Book](#).

NaTHNaC have been advised that there is an issue through the first half of 2019 with Rabipur due to manufacturing constraints.

In the event of vaccine shortage situations, the [Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency \(MHRA\)](#) allow vaccine companies to import alternative vaccine products for use. See information on [vaccine supply shortages and use of unlicensed medicines](#).

All enquiries regarding the supply of rabies vaccines should be directed to your preferred supplier.

- [GSK \[Rabipur®\]](#)
- [Sanofi Pasteur \[Rabies Vaccine BP® and Verorab\]](#) 0800 854430

[Guidelines on managing rabies post-exposure treatment](#) is available from Public Health England.

Resources

- [Public Health England. Immunisation against infectious disease: Chapter 27 Rabies](#)
- [Rabies factsheet](#)
- [Vaccine supply, shortages and use of unlicensed medicines](#)