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.

Rabies vaccine products (with a UK marketing authority or ‘license’) are occasionally in short supply due to manufacturing constraints; this may have an effect on ongoing vaccine stock levels.

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


Resources

- Public Health England, Immunisation against infectious disease; Chapter 27 Rabies
- Rabies factsheet
- Vaccine supply, shortages and use of unlicensed medicines