

Animal Bites and Rabies Exposures – Checklist



NOTE: If the patient is insured, rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (rabies PEP) is the responsibility of the doctor caring for the patient. LA County Public Health provides rabies post-exposure treatment only for uninsured patients. Underinsured patients needing assistance with paying for rabies PEP may seek help through two national programs at: www.cdc.gov/rabies/medical_care/programs.html

- COLLECT ANIMAL INFORMATION from patient
 - Biting animal's behavior, animal species and general description of animal.
 - Date, location where bite occurred.
 - Where is animal now? Ask bite victim to clarify.
 - Animal will need to be tested or quarantined.
 - Rodent, squirrel, and rabbit bites are not reportable

- REPORT BITE
 - Report to Veterinary Public Health and Rabies Control:
 - Tel: (877) 747-2243 or (213) 989-7060, Fax (213) 481-2375
 - Online Reporting: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/biteintro.htm
 - All animal bites are legally reportable except rodent and rabbit bites. These animals are not rabies vectors. Squirrels are rodents and their bites are not reportable.

- EVALUATE NEED for Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)
 - Should Rabies PEP be given?
 - See national guidelines at: www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr57e507.pdf
 - See update about dropping fifth vaccine dose from standard protocol at: www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5902a1.htm
 - Cat/dog bites that happened within LA County might not require PEP.
 - Ask our veterinarians about rabies data in local animals: (213) 989-7060 or see www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet
 - If needed, physician can call "Doctor On Duty" at Public Health – Acute Communicable Disease Control (ACDC) for consultation: (213) 240-7941 (if case is based in Los Angeles County).

- IF NEEDED, ADMINISTER Rabies PEP
 - Medical "urgency" not emergency
 - Generally covered by insurance.
 - County provides to patient only if UNINSURED
 - Four rabies vaccine doses given over two weeks for most patients (non-immunosuppressed)
 - Days 0, 3, 7, 14
 - Note: As of fall 2009 – 5th vaccine dose dropped from standard ACIP recommendations.
 - Immunosuppressed patients still need to receive 5th rabies vaccines at day 28.
 - Available in 1 ml individual doses.
 - 1 treatment of human anti-rabies immunoglobulin (HRIG).
 - Dose - 20 iu/kg
 - Available in 2 or 10 ml vials, 150 iu/ml
 - Given on Day 0 only
 - If delayed, must give within 7 days of first rabies vaccine dose.
 - Administer as much as possible in and around bite wound, with remainder given intramuscularly at site distant from location where rabies vaccine was given.
 - Emergency Departments often have rabies biologicals on hand.
 - ANY doctor can order and administer. May receive shipment quickly.

Rabies Vaccine – No Shortages

<p>Novartis (RabAvert® – PCECV) 1-800-244-7668 www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com</p>	<p>Sanofi-Pasteur (Imovax® -HDCV) 1-800-822-2463 www.vaccineshoppe.com</p>
<p><u>For Post-Exposure Prophylaxis:</u> Available for ordering without restrictions. Often able to receive order rapidly.</p> <p><u>Pre-exposure Prophylaxis:</u> Available for ordering without restrictions.</p>	<p><u>For Post-Exposure Prophylaxis:</u> : Available for ordering without restrictions. Often able to receive order rapidly.</p> <p><u>Pre-exposure Prophylaxis:</u> Available for ordering without restrictions.</p>
<p><u>Ordering:</u> <u>From Novartis.</u> Vaccine can be ordered and received overnight. No minimum. Must either set up an account (adds 24-48 hour delay) or pay for order by credit card. No charge to set up or maintain account in advance. As of 9/16/09 cost is \$217 per vaccine. <u>Distributors:</u> Vaccines may be available through biologicals distributors. Ask your distributors in advance. Ask if minimum order, speed of delivery, cost.</p>	<p><u>Ordering:</u> <u>From Sanofi.</u> Vaccine can be ordered and received overnight if clinic has account already set up. No minimum order, but \$25 surcharge on orders under \$600. Account set-up takes up to 24 hours. No charge to set up or maintain account in advance. As of 9/16/09 cost is \$195 per vaccine. <u>Distributors:</u> Vaccines may be available through biologicals distributors. Ask your distributors in advance. Ask if minimum order, speed of delivery, cost.</p>

Human Rabies Immune Globulin (HRIG)

<p>Talecris Biotherapeutics Bayer Biological products (HyperRab™ S/D) 1-800-243-4153 www.talecris-pi.info</p>	<p>Sanofi-Pasteur (Imogam® -Rabies HT) 1-800-822-2463 www.vaccineshoppe.com</p>
<p>Dose: 20 iu/kg How supplied: 2ml or 10ml vials, 150 iu/ml</p>	<p>Dose: 20 iu/kg How supplied: 2ml or 10ml vials, 150 iu/ml.</p>
<p><u>Ordering:</u> HyperRab™ is sold primarily through distributors and wholesalers. For list see www.talecris.com/us/talecris-us-gamunex-distributors.htm. Minimum amount of order and cost depends on distributor. Talecris does not accept returns for credit on either recently ordered or expired products, unless product is damaged or defective. Will accept products back for safe destruction.</p>	<p><u>Ordering:</u> <u>From Sanofi.</u> Immune globulin can be ordered and received overnight. No minimum. Must either set up an account (adds 24-48 hour delay) or pay for order by credit card. No charge to set up or maintain account in advance. As of 9/16/09 cost is \$299 per 2 ml vial. <u>Distributors:</u> Imogam is not available through distributors.</p>