

Quick Reference Guide (QRG) for the Supply of Rabies Vaccine

Background

- Public Health England (PHE) have advised that a supply of rabies vaccines are kept by acute trusts.
- The Rabies and Immunoglobulin Service (RIgS) at PHE Colindale operates between 8:00am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday and provides advice regarding which patients should receive the vaccine and Immunoglobulin. The contact number for all queries is 0330 128 1020.
- PHE will arrange delivery of rabies vaccine during normal working hours, Monday to Friday.
- Outside of these hours, the Colindale duty doctor service is available (see link below for information regarding when they should be contacted).
- Any NHS rabies vaccine that is used as per PHE guidance/advice for rabies post-exposure treatment will be replaced with stock from PHE free of charge, by contacting the RIgS on 0300-128 1020 with the next working day.
- A supply of rabies vaccines are stocked within the SRFT and NMGH pharmacy departments (the vaccine is stored in a fridge). See below for locations.

	SRFT	NMGH
Pharmacy	2 doses	2 doses
EDC	1 dose	2 doses
A&E	1 dose	N/A

- Rabies Immunoglobulin is not stocked at any NCA site. Any requests for this product must be directed to RIgS at PHE Colindale.

Procedure for Vaccine Supply Out of Hours

- Ensure that the assessing clinician has contacted PHE Colindale and they have been advised to administer the vaccine. Do not supply if PHE Colindale have not been contacted.
- If the patient is at SRFT or NMGH, direct the clinician to the relevant location.
- If the patient is at ROH, FGH, RI or the request is from a non-NCA location (such as a GP), contact SRFT pharmacy to arrange a supply.

SRFT contact details:

09:00 – 17:00: 0161 206 5553

17:00 – 21:00: 0161 206 1065

21:00 – 09:00: On call pharmacist via switchboard: 0161 789 7373

- Ensure that pharmacy procurement are informed at the earliest opportunity so that a replacement dose can be arranged.

Additional Information

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunoglobulin-when-to-use/rabies-and-immunoglobulin-service-rigs>

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