

Provision of Travel Vaccines on the NHS

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East Lancashire and BwD CCG's currently spend in the region of £120,000 a year on travel vaccines that **should not** be prescribed on the NHS.

Whilst NHS patients are entitled to receive free advice on travel vaccinations and malaria prophylaxis, **only some vaccinations required for travel are available on the NHS.**

The following vaccines **cannot** be given as an NHS service for the purposes of travel:

- Hepatitis B (single agent), Meningitis ACWY, Yellow Fever, Japanese B encephalitis, Tick Bourne encephalitis, Rabies

If any of the above vaccines are required, the patient may be given a private prescription or they may be charged for stock purchased and held by the practice. **An FP10 must not be used to provide these services.** Other charges which may be levied include administration, supply of the private prescription, provision of certificate and post vaccination serological testing (hepatitis B).

Practices may provide the following travel vaccines on the NHS for registered patients. Patients should not be charged a fee by the practice for these vaccines:

- Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Combined Hepatitis A & Typhoid, Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio combined vaccines, Cholera

Practices may either purchase the vaccine, personally administer and claim through FP34PD **or** the vaccine can be obtained by the patient on FP10 prescription. A prescription charge is payable to the pharmacy unless the patient is exempt. In this situation no claim for personal administration fees should be made through FP34PD.

NOTE: Whilst the combined hepatitis A/hepatitis B vaccine is prescribable on the NHS, hepatitis B is not commissioned as a travel vaccine. As such the prescribing of the combined vaccine for travel purposes is not supported. Any traveller requiring a hepatitis B vaccine should receive this privately as a single agent and not in combination with hepatitis A.

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