

Position Statement: *To be adhered to in line with the [Worcestershire Prescribing Policy](#)*

Treatment	Travel vaccines (vaccines administered exclusively for the purpose of travel)
Commissioning Position	<p>The following vaccines may be administered on the NHS exclusively for the purpose of travel if clinically appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cholera• Diphtheria/ tetanus/polio• Hepatitis A• Typhoid <p>See Appendix One for vaccine specific information and which brands can be prescribed.</p> <p>The following vaccines <u>should not</u> be prescribed on the NHS exclusively for the purpose of travel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meningitis ACWY• Tick borne encephalitis• Hepatitis A/B combinations• Hepatitis B• Japanese Encephalitis• Rabies• Yellow Fever Vaccine• BCG <p>These vaccines should continue to be recommended for travel but the individual traveller will need to bear the cost of the vaccination.</p> <p>See Appendix Two for vaccine specific information.</p> <p>Please also see Worcestershire CCG “Vaccines Other Than Travel” Position Statement.</p>
Resources to support implementation	<p>NHSE guidance: Items which Should Not be Routinely Prescribed in Primary Care</p> <p>National patient information leaflet</p>
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Appendix One: Vaccines which may be administered on the NHS exclusively for travel

Cholera

- Brand which can be prescribed: Dukoral® is the only licensed cholera vaccine in the UK.
- Please use the link to check the requirement for individual countries: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>

Diphtheria/tetanus/ polio

- Brand which should be prescribed for travel: Revaxis® (Td/IPV).
- Brands which should not be prescribed: Pediacel®, Infanrix-IPV+HiB®, Boostrix-IPV®, Infanrix-IPV®, Repevax®
- Vaccinations as part of the national programme should be obtained from ImmForm.
- Stock centrally funded by the Department of Health as part of the childhood immunisation programme must NOT be used for the purposes of travel.

Hepatitis A

- Brands which can be prescribed as hepatitis A only: Havrix/ Havrix Junior Monodose®, VAQTA® Adult/Paediatric, Avaxim®
- Brands which can be prescribed as hepatitis A/typhoid combination: Hepatyrrix®, ViATIM®
- Hepatitis A vaccine is available as an NHS service when required for travel however recommendations have been updated in light of an on-going hepatitis A outbreak and the shortage of global hepatitis A vaccine that has severely impacted UK supply. The PHE advice is to use the combined Hepatitis A/ typhoid vaccine first line.
- Link to Public Health England Bulletin:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/626228/Hepatitis_A_vaccination_recommendations.pdf
- Hepatitis A vaccination will no longer be recommended for most travellers visiting a number of countries. Please use the link below to check the requirement for individual countries:
<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>

Typhoid

- Brands included: Typhim Vi® , Typherix® and Vivotif ® are the brands licensed in the UK.
- Please use the link to check the requirement for individual countries: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>

Appendix TWO: Vaccines which may not be administered on the NHS exclusively for travel

Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG)

- BCG cannot be given as an NHS service for travel.

Encephalitis (including tick borne and Japanese)

- Brands included: TicoVac®, Ixiaro®
- These cannot be given as an NHS service for travel – see [NHS choices](#) and vaccines should not be supplied as an NHS prescription.

Hepatitis A/B combinations

- Brands included: Twinrix®, Ambirix®
- Combined Hepatitis A/B vaccines should not be supplied for travel because Hepatitis B vaccine is not available on NHS for purposes of travel. If required, hepatitis B should be offered to patients as a private service.
- There are specific limited circumstances listed in the Green book where both Hepatitis A and B vaccines are indicated and where a combined product may be prescribed. In such circumstances the indication for the NHS prescription should be recorded on the GP clinical system. [Hepatitis A: the green book, chapter 17 - GOV.UK](#); [Hepatitis B: the green book, chapter 18 - GOV.UK](#)

Hepatitis B

- Brands included: Engerix B®, Fendrix®, HBVax PRO®
- These cannot be given as an NHS service for travel – see [NHS choices](#).
- Vaccines should not be supplied as an NHS prescription or service for occupational health indications.
- There are specific limited circumstances listed in the Green book where clinicians might be using them: [Hepatitis B: the green book, chapter 18 - GOV.UK](#). In such circumstances the indication for the NHS prescription should be recorded on the GP clinical system.

Meningococcal vaccines

- Brands of vaccine: 4CMenB protein vaccine (Bexsero®); Meningococcal C vaccine (Menjugate Kit®, NeisVac-C®); Meningococcal ACWY (Menveo®, Nimerix®)
- These cannot be given as an NHS service for travel – see [NHS choices](#).
- Vaccinations as part of the national programme should be obtained from ImmForm.
- In line with the Green Book, additional vaccination against meningococcal disease for individuals who develop asplenia or splenic dysfunction or when complement deficiency is diagnosed depending on age and vaccination history is advised : [Meningococcal; the Green Book Chapter 22- GOV.UK](#). In this circumstance an NHS prescription should be used and the indication recorded on the clinical system.

Rabies

- Brand included: Rabipur®
- These cannot be given as an NHS service for travel – [see NHS choices](#) and vaccines should not be supplied as an NHS prescription.

Yellow fever

- These cannot be given as an NHS service for travel – [see NHS choices](#).
- These are only available at specialist centres and should not be supplied as an NHS prescription.