

## TRAVEL VACCINES PATIENT INFORMATION

In the UK, the childhood vaccination programme protects you against a number of diseases such as tetanus, but it does not cover most of the infectious diseases that are found overseas.

If you are planning to travel outside the UK, you may need to be vaccinated against some of the diseases found in other parts of the world.

Many vaccines are not covered under the NHS and so we are obliged to prescribe them privately if necessary. This includes vaccines such as Hepatitis B, Meningitis ACWY and Rabies.

### **Charges can include:**

- Fee for writing a private prescription
- Dispensing fee, including cost of the vaccine
- Fee for administering the vaccination
- Fee for certificate of vaccination
- Fee for testing for immunity.

This leaflet explains why some vaccinations are not available for travel purposes on the NHS

There is no standard fee and different GP practices may have different charges.

Some GP practices do not keep the vaccines in stock therefore you may have to get a private prescription from your GP and take it to a community pharmacy to be dispensed.

The pharmacy will charge for dispensing the prescription based on the cost of the vaccine. This may be substantially more than an NHS prescription charge and can vary between different pharmacies.

**You may want to ask different pharmacies for a few quotes before choosing where to have your prescription dispensed.**

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NHS Choices provides health advice for travellers, including:

- How to obtain a European Health Insurance Card
- How to get medical treatment abroad and information on staying healthy while away.

### Visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Travel-immunisation/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

General travel health advice and recommendations for medicines can also be found at:

### Fit for Travel

<http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/advice.aspx>

### MASTA

<https://www.masta-travel-health.com/>

### World Health Organisation (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/en/>

These websites should be used in addition to advice from your GP practice and community pharmacist.

