

Instructions for Patients on obtaining Rabies Biologicals for Postexposure Prophylaxis

Insured patients that have a primary care physician

- Your physician may order it for you or you may go to an emergency room at your physicians direction.
- ***If your physician will not order it, you will need to go to an emergency room of your choice for the day zero biologicals, that is, HRIG and one rabies vaccine. The emergency rooms are the only location where the HRIG is currently available besides physician's offices. We recommend contacting the emergency room of your choice to identify if the product is in stock before proceeding to the emergency room.***
- You should call your health insurance to determine your coverage.

The schedule for individuals not previously immunized against rabies is listed below. Please see Table 2, Rabies postexposure schedule for more information.

- Day Zero – Human Rabies immunoglobulin, (HRIG) and one rabies vaccine
- Day 3 – One rabies vaccine
- Day 7 – One Rabies vaccine
- Day 14 – One rabies vaccine

- ***For Day 3, 7 and 14 vaccines, your physician's office must do one of the following.***
 - ***1. Contact a participating pharmacy from the list to obtain the rabies vaccines. We currently have a list of Walgreen locations. Other pharmacies may carry the rabies vaccine also.*** Walgreens only has the rabies vaccine. Walgreens does NOT carry HRIG.
 - ***2. Order the rabies vaccine from the manufacturer for you. Your physician will have to contact our office for information on the manufacturers.***

Insured patients with no primary care physician

- You should contact your insurance company to verify coverage.
 - ***The schedule for individuals not previously immunized against rabies is listed below. Please see Table 2, Rabies postexposure schedule for more information.***
 - Day Zero – Human Rabies immunoglobulin, (HRIG) and one rabies vaccine
 - Day 3 – One rabies vaccine
 - Day 7 – One Rabies vaccine
 - Day 14 – One rabies vaccine

- *You will need to go to an emergency room of your choice for day zero, day 3, day 7 and day 14 of the biologicals if you do not have a physician.*
- *We recommend contacting the emergency room of your choice to identify if the product is in stock before proceeding to the emergency room.*
- *Another option is to find a PCP, to assist you immediately.*

Uninsured patients with physicians

- May apply through their physician for patient assistance program provided from the manufacturers. Please have your physicians office contact our office.
- The Texas Department of State Health Services will *dispense rabies biologicals to uninsured patients only. You must have a physician that will administer the biologicals to you.*
- Please have your physician call our office for further instructions.

Uninsured patients with no physician

- The Texas Department of State Health Services *does NOT administer* rabies biologicals.
- If you are uninsured and do not have a physician you will need to go to one of the county hospitals for evaluation.
- The county hospitals in the Region 2/3 area are
 - John Peter Smith in Fort Worth 817-927-1451
 - Parkland Hospital in Dallas. 214-590-8000

***Additional option**

Your physician may order the biologicals directly for you.

The above information does not apply if your physician will order them for you directly.

Please have your physicians office call us directly for more information.