

TRAVEL SERVICES QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR GP PRACTICE

TRAVEL SERVICE PROVISION

Part of GP surgeries global sum is payment for providing basic travel health services for their registered patients. Consequently, if surgeries wish, they can opt out of providing this service. The PCT must be informed and this will result in a reduction in their global sum.

VACCINATIONS FOR TRAVEL (See table below)

NHS Vaccinations

Within the basic travel service provision are vaccinations for Hepatitis A (all doses in the course) typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria and polio plus all combination vaccines with any of these antigens are provided under the NHS.

PAYMENT - These vaccines can be claimed for by submitting prescriptions to the PPA for reimbursement (FP10 or FP34D). However, it is important to remember prescriptions cannot be submitted for Revaxis, used for school leavers boosters, as these are supplied centrally.

Non NHS Vaccinations

All remaining travel immunisations are NOT provided as part of NHS services and therefore a private fee is chargeable.

PAYMENT- The total fee charged incorporates the cost of the vaccine and administering the vaccine. Charges are set by individual practices.

- You cannot charge for advice as this is part of the provision paid for in the global sum.
- If you opt out of providing NHS travel services, you can set up a private travel clinic BUT you cannot charge your own NHS patients for the vaccines available under the NHS.
- For occupational health requests please refer to the CPCT Hep B flow chart previously circulated.

This chart is for reference and relates to travel alone. It is not exhaustive.

Vaccine	FP10	NHS PGD	Private charge	Comments
Cholera	No	No	Yes	Except those working in disaster zones
Dip, Tet, Polio	Yes	Yes	No	Td/IPV
Hepatitis A	Yes	Yes	No	
Combined Hep A & B	Yes	Yes	No	
Combined Hep A & Typhoid	Yes	Yes	No	
Hepatitis B	No	No	Yes	
Meningitis ACWY	No	No	Yes	
Polio	Yes	Yes	No	Only if Td/IPV contraindicated
Typhoid	Yes	Yes	No	
Yellow Fever	No	No	Yes	Registered centres only
Rabies	No	No	Yes	Except those at occupational risk
Japanese B Encephalitis	No	No	Yes	
Tick Borne Encephalitis	No	No	Yes	
Tuberculosis				Refer to Private Clinic

PGD's do not cover vaccinations given privately, however PCT guidelines are available at www.cambridgeshire.nhs.uk.