

## Fees and charges for vaccines for persons travelling abroad

The following general points should be noted:-

1. Patients cannot be charged for vaccinations which attract a fee within General Medical Services (GMS).
2. Practices may charge a fee for treatment consisting of an immunisation for which no remuneration is payable and which is requested in connection with travel abroad (cost of vaccine + VAT + an additional amount for providing the service)
3. Practices may not charge for advice given in relation to the administration of vaccines or for advice relating to the health risks of foreign travel and information on minimising those risks.
4. Transactions for each individual vaccine must not mix “private” with “NHS” i.e. charging the patient and submitting an FP10
5. Patients may be charged for private prescriptions to cover drugs which may be needed whilst abroad eg antibiotics or antihistamines.
6. Patients may be charged for private prescriptions for POM malaria prophylaxis (mefloquine, Malarone). They should be advised to buy other agents eg chloroquine, proguanil over the counter.
7. Advice about doses, boosters etc should be read in conjunction with the latest Patient Group Directions and “Green Book”
8. This information does not cover vaccines within the childhood immunisation schedules.

Vaccination	Within GMS	Permissible to charge	Comments
<b>No charge to patient</b>			
Polio, Tetanus and Diphtheria	Yes	No	Initial and booster doses may be administered at NHS expense.
Hepatitis A	Yes	No	Initial and booster doses may be administered at NHS expense.
Hepatitis A with typhoid	Yes	No	Primary course - one dose; booster dose of Hepatitis A after 6 to 12 months to give ten year's protection from Hepatitis A. Revaccinate with single dose of typhoid every three years if still at risk.
Typhoid	Yes	No	Typhoid vaccine may be given to persons travelling abroad, outside Europe except Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand. Europe includes Cyprus and Turkey. Primary course 1 dose; booster after 3 years.
Cholera	Yes	No	Cholera – only for those at absolute risk

### Vaccines charged to patient

Hepatitis B (travel)	No	Yes	Not to be given on NHS for travel. Patient to be charged. NB. Health service employees should not be charged for Hepatitis B given for occupational risk. Other employees should pay and reclaim costs from their employer or attend their own relevant occupational health service.
Meningitis A and C	No	Yes	Not to be given on NHS for travel. Patient to be charged.
Meningitis ACWY	No	Yes	Not to be given on NHS for travel. Patient to be charged.
Rabies	No	Yes	Not to be given on NHS for travel. Patient to be charged. Recommended for travellers to enzootic areas on long journeys to areas out of reach of immediate medical attention
Japanese encephalitis	No	Yes	Not to be given on NHS for travel. Patient to be charged.
Tick borne encephalitis	No	Yes	Not to be given on NHS for travel. Patient to be charged.
Yellow fever	No	Yes	Not to be given on NHS for travel. Patient to be charged. International certificate of vaccination may be required.

Further information can be found by following the link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/travel-vaccinations/>