

Rabies Post Exposure by Treatment sites (Hospital): Process for ordering HRIG and vaccine.

1. Each hospital site should already have a National Cold Chain Service (NCCS) account setup (usually hospital pharmacy department).
2. To order, the account holder emails NCCS (vaccines@udd.ie) and requests Human Rabies Immunoglobulin (HRIG) and/or Rabies vaccines specifying quantity and delivery date.
3. If stock is required in an emergency, NCCS can be contacted Out of Hours giving details of product(s) required including quantities, where to deliver to, the receiving persons' name and mobile number and when the delivery is required. The senior clinician who has undertaken the risk assessment should contact NCCS to place the order out of hours.
4. NCCS is contactable 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Email vaccines@udd.ie during office hours and Out Of Hours phone 086 7700846. If difficulty contacting OOH, try again in 15 mins or call the on call National Health Protection On Call Consultant via National Ambulance.
5. Some hospital sites may hold one dose of vaccine, check locally before ordering.

Berirab® P Solution for injection for intramuscular use (HRIG)

Presentation: Pack of 1 prefilled syringe with 2 ml containing at least 300 IU of rabies antibodies.

Posology: Rabies prophylaxis exclusively with simultaneous vaccination: recommended dose of rabies immunoglobulin is 20 IU Berirab P per kg body weight

Rabies Post Exposure Treatment in GP sites: Process for ordering Rabies vaccine

1. Each GP site should already have a National Cold Chain Service (NCCS) account set up (same as for primary childhood and flu vaccine ordering).
2. GP sites place their order by e-mailing vaccines@udd.ie detailing:
 - Date of birth of patient(s)
 - Consultant's name and hospital advising vaccine (if relevant)
 - Date of exposure
 - Date vaccine needs to be delivered to GP site
 - Number of vaccines required
 - Confirmation that the vaccine is for post exposure rabies prophylaxis (pre-exposure rabies vaccine is a private arrangement with vaccine purchased by the patient)