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# Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis How to Order Rabies Vaccine and HRIG in San Francisco

# RABIES VACCINE IN SHORT SUPPLY; HRIG SUPPLIES ADEQUATE

Rabies vaccine supplies are limited until production capacity increases in mid to late 2009. Vaccine is available for PEP from both Sanofi Pasteur and Novartis Vaccines. Vaccine is available for pre-exposure vaccination from Novartis Vaccines. Human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) supplies are adequate.

#### ALL RABIES VACCINE PURCHASES MUST BE APPROVED BY PUBLIC HEALTH

Because of the nationwide shortage of rabies vaccine, local health departments have been asked to help manage the limited supply by insuring that rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) vaccinations are given for appropriate indications. In San Francisco, clinicians must discuss their cases with SFDPH Communicable Disease Control Unit (CDCU) at (415) 554-2830. If rabies PEP is warranted, authorization will be provided. Human rabies vaccine may then be ordered from either Sanofi Pasteur or Novartis Vaccines & Diagnostics. To order vaccine from Sanofi Pasteur a password is required. The password will be provided at the time of authorization by CDCU.

#### **To Order Rabies Vaccine:**

- Obtain Public Health authorization for purchase of rabies vaccine by calling the SFDPH Communicable Disease Control Unit (CDCU) at (415) 554-2830. Circumstances of the exposure will be reviewed and if PEP is warranted approval will be provided (as will the password for Sanofi Pasteur). Please call the CDCU to discuss your case even if your pharmacy has vaccine on hand. This will prevent the difficult situation with patients and their families if a series is initiated but subsequent doses are not available and purchase is not approved.
- No password is needed if purchasing vaccine from Novartis Vaccines & Diagnostics.
- If purchasing vaccine from Sanofi Pasteur, give the password to your pharmacist for the purchase of rabies vaccine. Your pharmacist will need the password and a rabies vaccine order form, which is obtained by contacting Sanofi Pasteur at 1 800-VACCINE.

#### To Order HRIG:

o HRIG supplies are adequate. HRIG may be ordered through normal procedures.

#### **Contact information for Rabies Vaccine suppliers:**

Rabies Vaccine:	Manufacturer	Phone Number	Website
Human Diploid Cell Vaccine	Sanofi Pasteur	(800)-VACCINE (822-2463)	www.vaccineshoppe.com
(HDCV) – Intramuscular		Monday-Friday	(can order online if
(Imovax <sup>R</sup> )		8 AM – 6:30 PM PST	account already set up)
Purified Chick Embryo Cell	Novartis	(800)-244-7668	www.rabavert.com
Vaccine (PCECV)-Intramuscular	Vaccines &	Monday-Friday	(currently no online
(RabAvert <sup>R</sup> )	Diagnostics	6 AM – 5 PM PST	ordering)

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### **Contact information for HRIG suppliers:**

HRIG - Human Rabies Immune	Distributor/	Phone Number	Website
Globulin	Manufacturer		
HyperRAB <sup>R</sup>	FFF Enterprises/	(800) 843-7477	http://www.fffenterprises.c
	Talecris Biotherapeutics,	Monday-Friday	om/
	Inc	5 am -5 pm, PST	
HyperRAB <sup>R</sup>	Talecris Biotherapeutics,	(800) 243-4153	http://www.talecris.com/
	Inc	Monday -Friday 8-5	
		PM EST	
IMOGAM <sup>R</sup> Rabies HT	Sanofi Pasteur	(800) 822-2463	
		Monday - Friday	
		8 AM- 6:30 PM EST	

# For Emergencies Only:

Human Rabies Vaccine and Human Rabies Immune Globulin are available to <u>hospital pharmacies</u> for <u>replacement only</u> from:

<b>Facility Name</b>	Location	Hours:	Phone Number
University of California		24 hours	(415) 353-1028
<b>Medical Center</b>			
505 Parnassus Avenue,			
Moffett, M39C San Francisco,			
CA 94143			
AVAILABLE ONLY TO HOSPITAL			
PHARMACIES and ONLY			
FOR REPLACEMENT			

# **Recommended Schedule for a previously unvaccinated person:**

Scheduled dose:		Date due
Day O	HRIG	
	Rabies Vaccine	
Day 3	Rabies Vaccine	
Day 7	Rabies Vaccine	
Day 14	Rabies Vaccine	
Day 28	Rabies Vaccine	

# **Resources:**

- San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH): <a href="http://www.sfcdcp.org/rabies">http://www.sfcdcp.org/rabies</a>
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH): <a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/rabies.aspx">http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/rabies.aspx</a>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/rabies">http://www.cdc.gov/rabies</a>
- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Human Rabies Prevention—United States, 2008. MMWR 2008; <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr57e507a1.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr57e507a1.htm</a>
- SFDPH Adult Immunization Clinic (vaccine administration only; no wound care and no HRIG): http://www.sfcdcp.org/aitc
- Rupprecht CE et al. Prophylaxis against rabies. NEJM 2004; 351:2626-35.

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