

RABIES:
ARE YOU AT RISK?

SOME RISKS ARE MORE OBVIOUS THAN OTHERS

**CONSIDER VACCINATION. TALK TO
YOUR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL.**



RABAVERT® IS INDICATED FOR:

- Pre-exposure vaccination, in both primary series and booster doses against rabies in all age groups.
- Post-exposure prophylaxis against rabies in all age groups.



RabAvert®
Rabies Vaccine

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a rare viral infection of animals that can be transmitted to humans. It is caused by a virus of the *Rhabdoviridae* family, which attacks the central nervous system and eventually affects the brain.

The virus is usually found in the saliva of an infected animal.

RABIES IS ALMOST ALWAYS FATAL ONCE SYMPTOMS OCCUR.

Rabies is a deadly disease that can be passed on to humans by the saliva of an infected animal through:

- **BITES**
- **LICKS ON SCRATCHES OR BROKEN SKIN**
- **LICKS ON MUCOUS MEMBRANES (E.G., EYES, MOUTH)**

Treatment should be prompt following rabies exposure, as rabies is almost always fatal once symptoms develop. Pre-exposure immunization and post-exposure prophylaxis induces the body to produce virus neutralizing antibodies that provide protection against the rabies virus.

IN CANADA, THE ANIMALS THAT MOST OFTEN TRANSMIT RABIES ARE:

bats,
skunks,
raccoons,
and
foxes.



IF YOU FIND A BAT IN YOUR HOME OR COTTAGE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT...

- Over half of Canadian rabies cases reported in the past 2 years were bat rabies.
- Rabies post-exposure prophylaxis should be considered for any direct contact with bats and when bites, scratches or saliva exposure into a wound or mucous membrane cannot be excluded.

AM I AT RISK?

You are at risk if you are in contact with potentially rabid animals:

- Laboratory workers, veterinarians
- Animal control workers, animal handlers, wildlife workers
- Cave explorers (spelunkers)
- Hunters or trappers in areas with confirmed rabies
- Any person whose activities bring them into frequent contact with rabies virus or rabid bats, raccoons, skunks, cats and dogs
- Any child who may not understand the need to stay away from animals or to report any bite

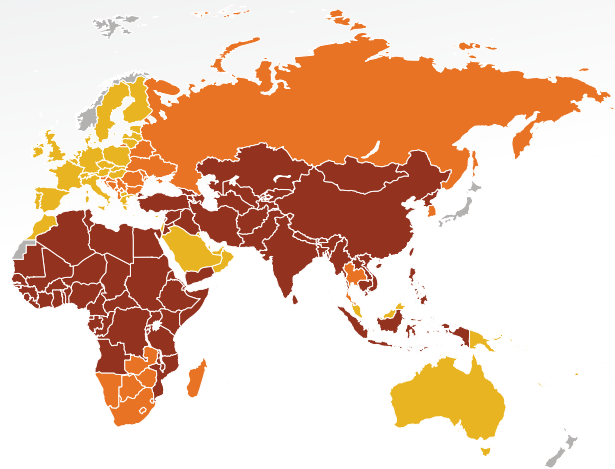


YOU ARE AT RISK IF YOU TRAVEL OR PLAN TO TRAVEL TO HIGH-RISK AREAS

Risk to travellers varies depending on itinerary, purpose and duration of the trip, as well as activities and access to medical care. Travellers to rabies-endemic areas where there is poor access to adequate and safe post-exposure management, as well as frequent and long-term travellers to high-risk areas, should seriously consider receiving pre-travel rabies immunization.

- **Rabies is present on all continents, except Antarctica.**
- **Are you traveling to areas such as Thailand, Brazil, China, Vietnam, India, Cuba, Mexico, South Africa or Asia?**
- **These represent only some of the areas where rabies remains common.**

RABIES OCCURRENCES



Adapted from World Health Organization (WHO), 2013

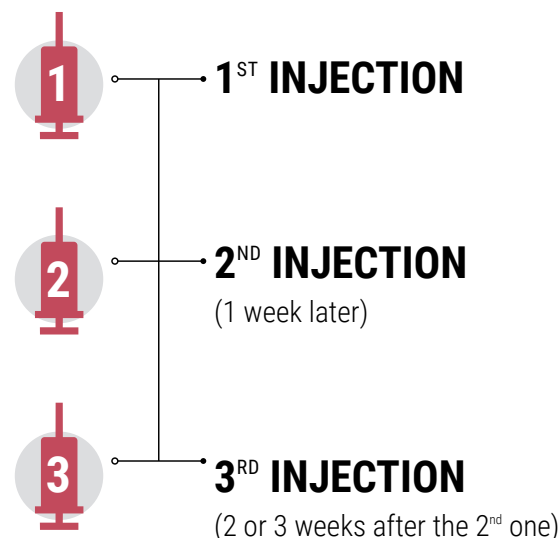
ASSESS YOUR RISK

It is strongly recommended that your travel plans include contacting a travel clinic, your pharmacist or a physician at least **6 weeks before departure**.

Based on your individual risk assessment, a healthcare professional can determine your need for immunizations and/or preventative medication and advise you on precautions to avoid disease.

TAKING RABAVERT®

For pre-exposure, primary immunization consists of three injections:



**A BOOSTER DOSE IS AVAILABLE
IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN A
FULL COURSE OF RABAVERT®**

IN A STUDY ON TRAVEL-RELATED RABIES, THE ANIMAL CARRIERS WERE:

57%
DOGS



11%
CATS

26%
MONKEYS



If travel is in your plans, ask your healthcare professional about the risk of rabies and RabAvert®, a vaccine used to prevent rabies for over 15 years in Canada.

WHO TO TALK TO?



Physician



Travel clinician



Pharmacist



Nurse

RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION (NACI)

NACI, a Canadian committee of experts charged with making recommendations about the use of vaccines, recommends that individuals who have an ongoing high risk of being exposed to rabies receive:

- Rabies vaccination
- Booster vaccination when necessary

Ask your healthcare professional about RabAvert®.

ARE YOU COVERED?

You may be covered for RabAvert® with your private insurance. Contact your insurance provider and give the DIN (drug identification number) below to find out.

RabAvert® DIN: 02267667

Though RabAvert® has a well-established safety and tolerability profile, the most commonly occurring adverse reactions are injection-site reactions, such as swelling and pain; flu-like symptoms, such as fatigue, fever, headache, dizziness, weakness and rash. Injection-site redness, abdominal pain, lymph node swelling, muscle pain and general discomfort, joint pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and decreased appetite are common.

History of severe allergic reaction to the vaccine or any of the vaccine components, including the container, constitutes a contraindication to pre-exposure vaccination with this vaccine.

For more details or specific information, precautions and contraindications, please inquire with your physician or travel clinic healthcare professional.

As with any vaccine, vaccination with RabAvert® may not protect 100% of susceptible individuals.

If you are exposed to a rabid animal or a potentially rabid animal, immediate and thorough cleaning and flushing of the wound with soap and water is imperative. Care should be taken to clean the wound to its depth. Flushing for approximately 15 minutes is suggested. Seek immediate medical attention.

Visit valneva.ca to view the complete product information for RabAvert®.



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