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Rabies Vaccine

Updated:

Currently, there is not a shortage of rabies vaccines or rabies immune globulin products in the U.S.


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- **RabAvert** rabies vaccine (produced by GlaxoSmithKline [GSK]) is now available following a shortage in 2019. GSK currently has no ordering restrictions for RabAvert.
- **IMOVAX** rabies vaccine (produced by Sanofi Pasteur) is now available, following a shortage in 2019. IMOVAX is available from wholesalers, distributors, and directly from the manufacturer. Call Sanofi Pasteur at 1-800-VACCINE if IMOVAX is not available from your wholesaler or distributor.


Human Rabies Immune Globulin

- **KEDRAB** (produced by Kedrion Biopharma) is available with no restrictions.
- **HyperRab** (produced by Grifols) is available with no restrictions. (HyperRab® is a more potent version of the previously licensed HyperRab™ S/D and requires a smaller volume to achieve the recommended 20 IU/kg dose.)
- **Imogam** (produced by Sanofi Pasteur) is now available following a shortage earlier this year. Sanofi Pasteur has no ordering restrictions for Imogam as of February 20, 2020.

*Note: HyperRab® immunoglobulin product has a different concentration compared to all other rabies immunoglobulin products (including the very similarly named HyperRab™ S/D) and requires lower volumes to administer the recommended dose of 20 IU/kg. Care should be taken to ensure the correct dose of immunoglobulin is administered to ensure adequate immune response.

Public health professionals are reminded that [Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control](#)  [PDF - 103 KB] and [ACIP human rabies prevention guidelines](#) are useful documents to consider throughout the year to prevent and manage exposures to rabid animals.

Ordering information for biologicals used in Pre- and Post Exposure Rabies Prophylaxis...(last updated October 3, 2011):

- Contact information for RabAvert *wholesalers/distributors that have available RabAvert as of September 30, 2011 is provided below. * Please note that this list may not be complete.
- **AmerisourceBergen:**
See list of [distribution centers and phone numbers](#)  [PDF - 180 KB].
- **Cardinal Health:**
(614) 757-5000
Specialty Pharmaceutical Distribution: (866) 476-1340
- **McKesson:**
(800) 482-3784
- **Medico-Mart, Inc:**
(800) 242-6248 or (262) 446-2323

For a complete listing of Novartis suppliers go to the following website:
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/resources/news/2011-09-30.html>

Novartis Vaccines - 800-244-7668 (call Sherry Harvey, Novartis vaccines, 609-654-4321, extension 23)

- To order Imovax for either pre – or post-exposure prophylaxis, customers may contact **Sanofi Pasteur at 1-800-VACCINE.**
- **The vaccine and HRIG are also available through Morris Dickson located in Shreveport, LA. (800) 388-3833**

*This document was prepared using the latest information available to the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section and the State Public Health Veterinarian. Should any of this information be outdated or incorrect, please inform the State Public Health Veterinarian so updates and corrections can be made as soon as possible.