Prescribing Guidance on Travel Vaccines and Malaria Prophylaxis

Only some travel vaccines are allowed on the NHS. Malaria prophylaxis medication is not allowed on the NHS.

Travel Vaccines ALLOWED on the NHS

- Hepatitis A vaccine single component: first and second/booster dose
  Avaxim<sup>®</sup> - £21.72
  Vaqta<sup>®</sup> Adult - £18.10
  Vaqta<sup>®</sup> Paediatric - £14.74
  Havrix Monodose<sup>®</sup> - £22.14
  Havrix Junior Monodose<sup>®</sup> - £16.77

- Combined Hepatitis A and B vaccine
  Twinrix<sup>®</sup> Adult - £33.71
  Twinrix<sup>®</sup> Paediatric - £20.79
  Ambirix<sup>®</sup> (c16 yrs. only) - £31.18
  DO NOT give combined Hepatitis A and B vaccine if patient only needs single component Hepatitis B vaccine.

- Typhoid vaccine: first and any booster dose
  Typhim Vi<sup>®</sup> - £11.16

- Combined Hepatitis A and Typhoid polysaccharide vaccine: first dose (second dose is Hep A alone)
  ViATIM<sup>®</sup> - £35.76
  Hepatix<sup>®</sup> - £32.08

Reimbursement:
- Practices purchasing vaccines and personally administering can claim payment through FP34PD.
- OR
  - An FP10 prescription may be used to prescribe a vaccine.
  - Normal NHS charges apply.
  - No claims to be made via FP34D if an FP10 prescription has been issued.

Travel Vaccines NOT ALLOWED on the NHS

- Hepatitis B (single component)
  HBvaxPRO<sup>®</sup>, Engerix B<sup>®</sup>, Fenrix<sup>®</sup>

- Meningitis ACWY (quadrivalent meningococcal meningitis vaccine A, C, Y and W135)
  Menevo<sup>®</sup>, Nimenrix<sup>®</sup>

- Yellow Fever vaccine
  Stamaril<sup>®</sup>
  (only available at designated Yellow Fever vaccination centre)

- Japanese B Encephalitis vaccine
  Ixiaro<sup>®</sup>

- Tick Borne Encephalitis vaccine
  TicoVac<sup>®</sup>, TicoVac<sup>®</sup> Junior

- Rabies vaccine
  Rabipur<sup>®</sup>

Charges:
- Patient may be given a private prescription.
- OR
  - Practices may charge a registered patient for practice stock.

Charges may be levied for:
- The vaccine.
- Administration of the vaccine.
- Writing the private prescription.
- Post vaccination serological testing in the case of hepatitis B administration if performed for travel reason.
- Provision of certification of immunisation.

Malaria Prophylaxis NOT ALLOWED on the NHS

- All malaria prophylaxis should only be through private prescription or over the counter sales from a community pharmacy.

- GPs/Practice Nurses and Community Pharmacists should provide patient advice.

- National Travel Health Network and Centre provides travel health information for health professionals and the public:
  - http://www.nathnac.org/

- Fit for Travel provides travel health information for people travelling abroad from the UK:

References:
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