

Westlands Practice Travel Vaccine Information Sheet

Introduction

This information sheet has been prepared for patients of the Westlands Medical Practice (Westlands) seeking advice on travel vaccinations. Further information can also be obtained from the NHS Website. The attached form should be completed, if possible, 8 weeks before intended travel. Due to changes in the GMS contract and insurance restrictions, Westlands are unable to provide private travel vaccinations. Westlands will continue to provide free NHS travel vaccinations and advice on the other vaccines required and refer patients, if requested to do so by the patient to clinics and pharmacies who provide the vaccines that need to be provided and which require payment by the patient to the clinic or pharmacy for the provision of those vaccines.

Free vaccinations

Not all travel vaccinations are available free on the NHS, even if they are required for travel to certain countries. Listed below are the free vaccinations available on the NHS, these are free because they pose the biggest threat to public health if brought into the UK

- polio (given as a combined diphtheria/tetanus/polio jab)
- typhoid
- hepatitis A
- cholera

vaccines that are not free but will need to be paid for and administered at a travel clinic or pharmacy

- hepatitis B
- Japanese encephalitis
- meningitis vaccines
- rabies
- tick-borne encephalitis
- tuberculosis (TB)
- yellow fever

1. Yellow fever vaccines are only available from designated centres, referred to as yellow fever centres.

For more information please contact the surgery and complete the form and seek advice from the Practice Nurse.