

Medication for travel abroad

Allowed on NHS prescription

Any usual repeat medications, up to a max of 3 months supply or until the patient can obtain a supply at their destination¹

Not allowed on NHS prescription - Private provision only

All medication issued solely in anticipation of the onset of an ailment whilst outside the UK¹, for example:

- Antimalarial prophylaxis and treatment
- Travellers’ diarrhoea
- Altitude sickness

Travel Vaccinations

Cost-Effective Prescribing

- Use the most cost-effective choice which is usually single component vaccines. Do not use combined vaccines Hep A/Hep B
- Hep A/Typhoid single components should be given, if unavailable the most cost effective combined product should be used
- Vaccination should only be given if there is a HIGH risk of disease to the traveller which is highlighted on travel websites such as NaTHNaC^{2,3}
- Check previous vaccinations received and do not revaccinate if immunity still valid

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- Hepatitis B*
- Rabies
- Japanese Encephalitis
- Meningitis ACWY**
- Yellow Fever
- Tick-borne encephalitis

Black Light Vaccines

- Hep A/Hep B (Twinrix, Ambirix)

* Including for occupational health reasons. See additional hepatitis B guidelines.
** Unless given under the national Men ACWY vaccination programme.

Vaccines allowed on NHS prescription

Vaccine	Dosing schedule	Duration of immunity
Hepatitis A	2 doses at 0 and 6-60 months (SPC dependent) N.B The course does not have to be restarted if 2nd dose is delayed by several years as successful boosting will still occur ²	25 years ²
Typhoid	1 dose	Up to 3 years ^{2,4}
Diphtheria/ Tetanus/Polio (Vaccine combinations and strengths dependent on age at immunisation - see Green Book guidelines)	3 doses at 1 month intervals First Booster - <10 years - 3 years after primary course (minimum 1 year interval) >10 years - minimum 5 year interval after primary course Second Booster - All ages - 10 year interval (minimum 5 years) Subsequent Boosters - 10 year intervals ⁵	After each booster: 10 years ^{2,4,5}

Cholera is NOT routinely required for travelers and NHS provision is only permissible in specific circumstances.
Please check up-to-guidance for any changes to vaccination and booster advice including COVID-19 vaccinations.

¹ General Practitioners Committee. Prescribing in General Practice. May 2013.
² NaTHNaC. Travel Health Pro. <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/diseases> Accessed 30/05/2022.
³ GP Practices:Focus on travel immunisations. <http://www.bma.org.uk/support-at-work/gp-practices/focus-travel-immunisation> Accessed 01/03/2016.
⁴ Summary of Product Characteristics <http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search> Accessed 30/05/2022.
⁵ Department of Health. The Green Book. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book> Accessed 30/05/2022.