

# Medicines Optimisation intervention brief

## Medicines Optimisation Incentive Scheme 18/19 – NHSE (Items which should Not be routinely Prescribed in primary care) Interventions – travel vaccines

<b>TITLE?</b>
INP1.17 Prescribe travel vaccines that are not eligible for NHS prescription, privately
<b>WHAT?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In December 2017 NHS England<sup>1</sup> made the following recommendation regarding the following vaccinations which should not be prescribed on the NHS exclusively for the purposes of travel:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hepatitis B</li> <li>○ Japanese Encephalitis</li> <li>○ Meningitis ACWY</li> <li>○ Yellow Fever</li> <li>○ Tick-borne encephalitis</li> <li>○ Rabies</li> <li>○ BCG</li> </ul> </li> <li>• N.B. This is a restatement of existing regulations and no changes have been made as a result of this guidance.</li> <li>• For all other indications, as outlined in Immunisation Against Infectious Disease (The Green Book), the afore-mentioned vaccines remain free on the NHS.</li> <li>• The following vaccines may still be administered on the NHS exclusively for the purposes of travel, if clinically appropriate, pending any future review:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cholera</li> <li>○ Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio</li> <li>○ Hepatitis A</li> <li>○ Typhoid</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>WHY?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These vaccines should continue to be recommended for travel but the individual traveller will need to bear the cost of the vaccination.</li> </ul>
<b>WHO?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All patients prescribed Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Meningitis ACWY, Yellow Fever, Tick-borne encephalitis, Rabies, BCG exclusively for the purpose of travel.</li> </ul>
<b>TIPS?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>HOW?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check whether the practice has a travel vaccine policy - what process is in place for charging patients privately for travel vaccines?</li> <li>• On the practice clinical system, search for patients prescribed the above vaccines (those which</li> </ul>



should not be routinely prescribed by primary care staff for the purpose of travel). Determine whether patients are being charged privately for these travel vaccines and discuss the results with the practice.

- If the practice does not have a travel vaccine policy this should be developed to ensure NHS England guidance is being followed.
- If the practice has a travel policy this should be reviewed and updated if necessary.
- Re-audit to ensure guidance is being adhered to.

#### **SO WHAT?**

- NHS England guidance implemented.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- [The Green Book](#)
- [Travel Health Pro \(NaTHNaC\)](#)
- [PrescQIPP CIC Drugs to Review for Optimised Prescribing - Travel Guidance](#)
- [West Hampshire CCG Patient Information Leaflet: Travel Vaccines PS015](#)
- [West Hampshire CCG Policy Statement: Travel Vaccines PS015](#)

