Supply is limited for one rabies vaccine and one rabies immune globulin product. Healthcare providers should continue to administer pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) when indicated without any change in practice.

Rabies Vaccine

- IMOVAX rabies vaccine (produced by Sanofi Pasteur) is now available after a recent shortage. Sanofi Pasteur resumed shipment of the vaccine on October 28, 2019. IMOVAX is available from wholesalers, distributors, and directly from the manufacturer. Call Sanofi-Pasteur at 1-800-VACCINE if not available through your wholesalers or distributors.
- RabAvert rabies vaccine (produced by GlaxoSmithKline) is experiencing a temporary limited supply, but is still available for both preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP). Clinicians can request RabAvert for any patient who needs PrEP or PEP by contacting GSK’s Vaccine Service Center directly at 866-475-8222, option 3.

Human Rabies Immunoglobulin

- Supply restriction on Imogam human rabies immunoglobulin (produced by Sanofi Pasteur): Sanofi Pasteur is currently experiencing a temporary shortage and is only available to healthcare providers who have a patient with current suspected rabies exposure requiring immediate post exposure prophylaxis. Providers can obtain Imogam directly from the manufacturer by faxing a completed Rabies Post-Exposure Form found at https://www.vaccineshoppe.com to 1-877-287-9391 (Attn: Sanofi Pasteur Customer Service).
- KEDRAB (produced by Kedrion Biopharma) is available with no restrictions.
  - KEDRAB is a new human rabies immune globulin product in the United States approved by FDA in August 2017.
- HyperRab (produced by Grifols) is available with no restrictions. HyperRab* (produced by Grifols) is a more potent version of the previously licensed HyperRab™ S/D and requires less volume to achieve the recommended 20 IU/kg dose.
  - *HyperRAB is a new human rabies immune globulin product in the United States approved by FDA in February 2018.
  - HyperRab® immunoglobulin product has a different concentration compared to all other rabies immunoglobulins (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, note: current supply restrictions may affect availability at the following suppliers.)

- 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


**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

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