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Discontinuation of Rabies Immune Globulin-Sparing Protocol

In follow-up to our FAX about on Rabies Immune Globulin Sparing, we have been notified that the provincial supply has remained stable and therefore the **administration of Rablg should now return to the previous regular practices**. The current recommendations by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) are:

- If not anatomically feasible to infiltrate the entire dose of Rablg into the wound/contact site, then the remaining volume of Rablg should be injected, using a separate needle and syringe, intramuscularly at a site distant from the site of vaccine administration

It is very important to adhere to appropriate risk assessment recommendations for potential human exposures to rabies to promote judicious use of rabies vaccine and Rablg to minimize unnecessary waste.

[Management of Potential Rabies Exposures Guideline, 2019](#) has been developed by the Ministry of Health and is attached to this FAX about. Health care providers should review the guidelines prior to ordering and administering rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

Health care providers are **required by law to report animal bites** and, where recommended, to order PEP for their patients, by contacting DRHD at **1-800-841-2729**. Reports can also be submitted electronically by visiting **durham.ca/hcp – Reporting – Animal Bite/Exposure Reporting Form**

Health care provider resources now available to order online durham.ca/HCP.

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-2020, 1-800-841-2729

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