

# Rabies Post Exposure Therapy – Monday to Sunday (9:30am-5pm)

Patient presents in ED with animal bite/scratch

ED team to contact **UKHSA RIGS** on Tel: 0330 128 1020 – Open 09:30-17:00 Monday-Sunday (7-day service)

**Rabies Vaccine**

RIGS will provide a **reference number** and ask ED caller to obtain **first** vaccine (Day 0) via pharmacy.

ED prescriber to:

- document the **RIGS reference number** in EPR
- upload the completed risk assessment form to the patients EPR record
- prescribe the vaccine and **contact pharmacist** (*see bleeps*) and email [pharmacy.rabies@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:pharmacy.rabies@ouh.nhs.uk)

## Follow up doses

- RIGS will contact GP and directly supply them subsequent doses of the rabies prophylaxis course (*Day 3, Day 7, Day 21*)
- Some patients (not registered with GP, travelling) may require follow up doses administered in the ED as agreed with RIGS. For these patients, ED clinician to document this plan on the patients record with dates and communicate the plan to the patient

**Rabies Immunoglobulin  
required**

Prescribe immunoglobulin as per RIGS advice

**Contact pharmacist** (*see bleeps*)

**See slide 3** for more information

## Pharmacist bleeps

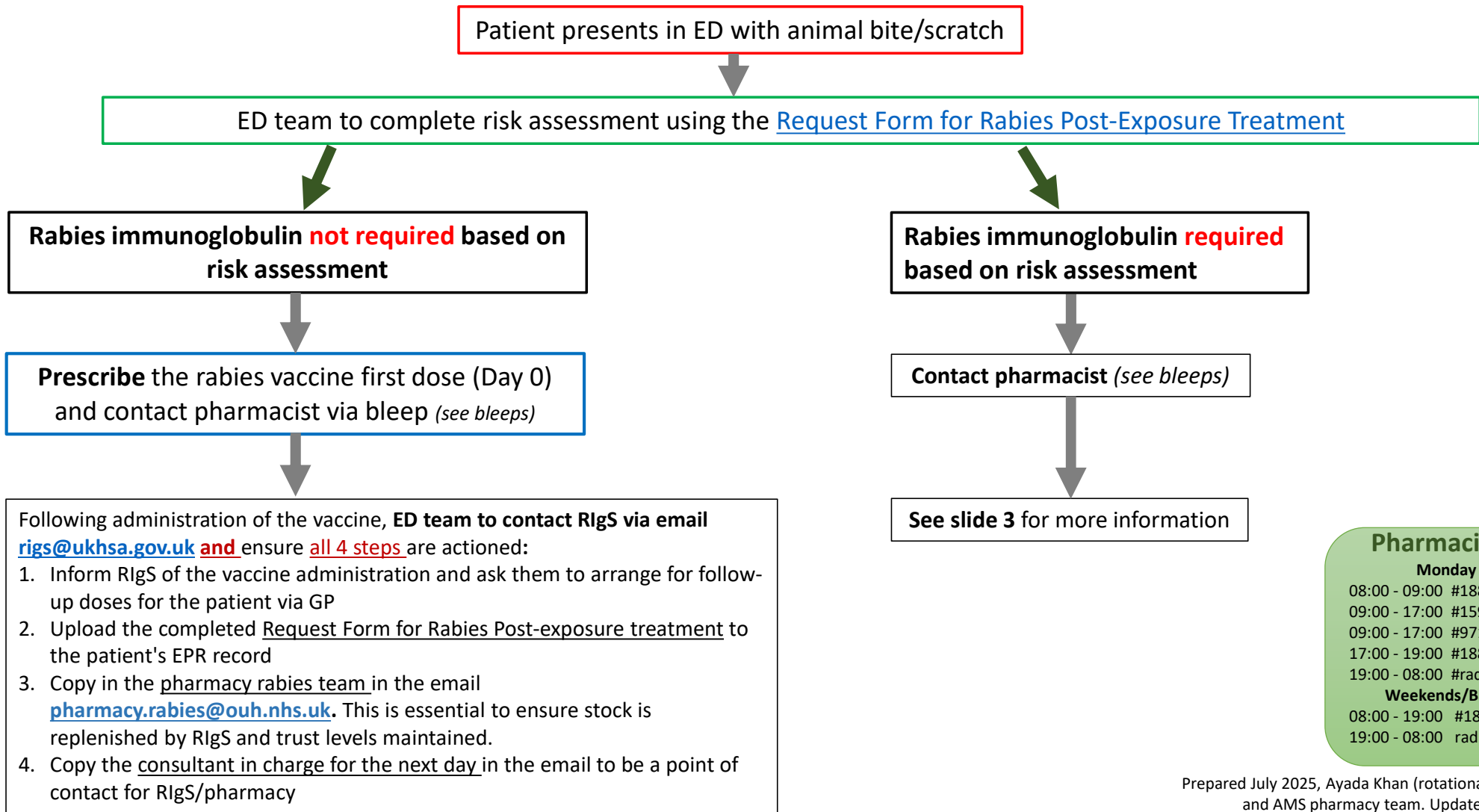
### Monday – Friday

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### Weekends/Bank holidays

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# Rabies Post Exposure Therapy – Monday to Sunday (after 5pm, before 9:30am next day)



**Pharmacist bleeps**

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# Human Rabies Immunoglobulin (HRIG)

**HRIG is not stocked in OUH and will be delivered directly by UKHSA RIgS for a patient.**

## **Monday – Sunday 9:30am to 5pm**

ED clinician should be able to discuss patient with RIgS during this time and will be informed by RIgS if a patient will require HRIG based on risk assessment

## **Monday – Sunday after 5pm until 9:30am**

ED clinician to complete risk assessment. Statement from RIgS:  
'The service between 5pm and 9:30am is for head or neck exposures or exposures to a confirmed rabid animal only. Calls relating to all other exposures should wait until after 9:30am the next day'  
If a patient meets this criteria, contact RIgS by first trying the rabies line on 0330 128 1020 and if unable to reach team only then to contact the on-call duty doctor on 0208 82004400.



- RIgS will provide information on dosing volume of Human Rabies Immunoglobulin (HRIG) as part of the risk assessment
- ED clinician **must upload risk assessment to EPR** to facilitate safe and appropriate dose administration information
- ED clinician **must make OARS referral via EPR to plastics team** for administration of Human Rabies Immunoglobulin. For urgent administration where immunoglobulin will need to be given **out of hours, please complete OARS referral and bleep the plastics SPR.**
- Please provide the following delivery address to RIgS:
  - **Monday to Friday (9am-5pm)** OUH Cowley, PPDU, Unipart House Unit 22, Cowley, Oxford OX4 2PG
  - **Weekends, bank holidays, after 5pm deliveries:** JR level 2 pharmacy department, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU

Further Information:

- The interim guidelines on the usage of HRIG are available on the gov.uk website [Rabies post-exposure treatment: management guidelines - GOV.UK](#)