

To Request PEP:

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Rabies Exposure Assessment for Physicians: Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

(PEP includes/may include both rabies immunoglobulin (RIG) and rabies vaccine)

Did an exposure to rabies potentially occur? No PEP Was it a warm blooded animal that bit your patient (cold blooded animals cannot get or transmit rabies)? Do Not No Did the patient have direct contact with a bat – hissing is a form of contact as the saliva can contain the virus? Report to Did a bite or scratch penetrate the skin? Public Health Livestock or other High-risk wild Low-risk wild Small pets such as domestic animals animals such as a animals Dog. cat or ferret rodents. (incl. monkeys) bat, raccoon. such as rodents Report to NRPH lagomorphs and larger wild skunk, fox, or lagomorphs (rabbit/hare), rodents (eg. coyote (rabbit/hare) guinea pig, gerbil, groundhogs, sauirrel, or hamster woodchucks, chipmunk) Available for beavers) confinement (or for NO) Start PEP testing if No PEP Available to test? deceased)? May unless animal begin PEP based behaviour highly Not healthy during on risk unusual confinement. assessment- Call Symptoms NRPH consistent with Housed outdoors Housed NO rabies. Or animal or unusual Healthy during and exclusively indoors dies during behaviour after the 10-day isolation confinement (or Call NRPH and testing of Call NRPH to deceased animal start PEP Test animal Conduct risk proceed with is negative)? immediately and testing. The results assessment. start PEP based Consider each are usually on risk available in 2 case individually. Report to assessment Contact NRPH to May need to working days. NRPH to OR discuss contact NRPH to Delay PEP for no discuss discuss No PEP. Or more than 48 discontinue if hours while started. awaiting results

This guide is based on recommendations from:

Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol, 2013, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
The Guidance Document for the Management of Suspected Rabies Exposures, 2013, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

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