

**Patient Group Direction for the Administration of Low Dose  
 Diphtheria, Tetanus And Inactivated Poliomyelitis Vaccine (Td/IPV)  
 (REVAXIS®) for Travel by Approved Healthcare Professionals Working  
 Within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside and  
 Western Isles**

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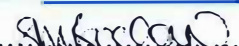
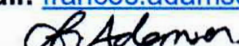
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**Management and Monitoring of Patient Group Direction**

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**Clinical indication to which this PGD applies**

<p><b>Definition of situation/Condition</b></p>	<p>This Patient Group Direction (PGD) will authorise approved healthcare professionals as detailed in the characteristics of staff authorised to work under this PGD to administer Td/IPV vaccine (REVAXIS®) as indicated for the active immunisation of individuals against tetanus, diphtheria or poliomyelitis related to travel.</p> <p>This PGD should be used in conjunction with the recommendations in the current British National Formulary (<a href="#">BNF</a>), British National Formulary for Children (<a href="#">BNFC</a>), <a href="#">The Green Book Chapter 15, Chapter 26 and Chapter 30</a>, <a href="#">TRAVAX</a>, <a href="#">NaTHNaC</a> and the individual Summary of Product Characteristics (<a href="#">SmPC</a>).</p>
<p><b>Inclusion criteria</b></p>	<p>Individuals aged 6 years and over who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intend to travel to or reside in countries where tetanus, diphtheria, or polio vaccination is currently recommended for travel in accordance with national recommendations issued by TRAVAX <a href="http://www.travax.nhs.uk/destinations/">www.travax.nhs.uk/destinations/</a></li> </ul> <p>The risk of exposure should be determined after careful risk assessment of an individual's itinerary, duration of stay, planned activities and medical history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be travelling to areas where proof of polio vaccination is required</li> </ul> <p>Prior to the administration of the vaccine, valid consent to receiving treatment under this PGD must be obtained. Consent must be in line with current individual NHS Boards consent policy.</p>
<p><b>Exclusion criteria</b></p>	<p>Individuals who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are aged less than 6 years</li> <li>• Are pregnant (as pertussis containing vaccine maybe more appropriate)</li> <li>• Require vaccination unrelated to travel purposes</li> <li>• With current acute systemic or febrile illness</li> <li>• Who have had an anaphylactic reaction to previous dose of the vaccine or to any of its excipients including</li> </ul>

	<p>formaldehyde, neomycin, streptomycin or polymyxin B (refer to relevant SmPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a history of severe (i.e. anaphylactic reaction) to latex where the vaccine is not latex free</li> <li>• Where there is no valid consent.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Precautions and special warnings</b></p>	<p>Minor illness without fever or systemic upset is not a valid reason to postpone immunisation. If an individual is acutely unwell, immunisation may be postponed until they have fully recovered.</p> <p>If under 10 years of age, ensure UK childhood immunisations are up to date as another tetanus/diphtheria/polio containing vaccine may be more appropriate. Refer to paediatric immunisation team.</p> <p>Individuals with immunosuppression can be given Td-IPV containing vaccines although these individuals may not make a full antibody response.</p> <p>The presence of a neurological condition is not a contraindication to immunisation but if there is evidence of current neurological deterioration, deferral of vaccination may be considered, to avoid incorrect attribution of any change in the underlying condition. The risk of such deferral should be balanced against the risk of the preventable infection, and vaccination should be promptly given once the diagnosis and/or the expected course of the condition becomes clear.</p>
<p><b>Action if excluded from treatment</b></p>	<p>Specialist advice must be sought on the vaccine and circumstances under which it could be given as immunisation using a patient specific direction may be indicated. The risk to the individual of not being immunised must be taken into account.</p> <p>The risk to the individual of not being immunised must be taken into account. Discussion of the risk and benefits of vaccination should take place. Discussions and decisions taken should be documented in clinical records.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer of preventative measures to reduce exposure to polio through careful attention to food and water hygiene and hand washing.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer of preventative measures to reduce exposure to diphtheria by practising good respiratory and hand hygiene, especially in overcrowded or busy places.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer on wound cleansing and seeking medical help for tetanus prone injuries.</p>



	<p>In case of postponement due to acute severe febrile illness, advise when the individual can be vaccinated at a later date and ensure another appointment is arranged.</p> <p>Document the reason for exclusion under the PGD and any action taken in the individual's appropriate clinical records.</p>
<b>Action if treatment is declined</b>	<p>Advise about the protective effects of the vaccine and the risk of infection and disease complications. Ensure they have additional reading material e.g. the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) available to print <a href="#">here</a>. Document advice given and decision reached.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer of preventative measures to reduce exposure to polio through careful attention to food and water hygiene and hand washing.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer of preventative measures to reduce exposure to diphtheria by practising good respiratory and hand hygiene, especially in overcrowded or busy places.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer on wound cleansing and seeking medical help for tetanus prone injuries.</p> <p>Document that the administration of the vaccine was declined, the reason and advice given in appropriate clinical records.</p>

### Description of vaccine available under the PGD

<b>Name form and strength of vaccine</b>	<p>Adsorbed diphtheria (low dose), tetanus, and inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine (Td/IPV): REVAXIS<sup>®</sup> suspension for injection containing purified diphtheria toxoid, purified tetanus toxoid and three strains of inactivated polio virus. It is supplied as a 0.5mL pre-filled syringe.</p>
<b>Legal status</b>	<p>Td/IPV vaccine (REVAXIS<sup>®</sup>) is a Prescription-only Medicine (POM).</p> <p>Vaccine should be stored according to the conditions detailed below. However, in the event of an inadvertent or unavoidable deviation of these conditions refer to NHS Board guidance on storage and handling of vaccines guidance. Where vaccine is assessed in accordance with these guidelines as appropriate for continued use, administration under this PGD is allowed.</p>
<b>Dosage/Maximum total dose</b>	<p>0.5mL</p>

<p><b>Frequency of dose/Duration of treatment</b></p>	<p>Single 0.5ml dose</p> <p><b>Reinforcing doses:</b> Booster doses are required where immunisation was received more than 10 years ago.</p> <p><b>Polio:</b> Boosting may be required more frequently in those are travelling to areas where proof of polio vaccination is required.</p>
<p><b>Maximum or minimum treatment period</b></p>	<p>See Frequency of dose/Duration of treatment section above.</p>
<p><b>Route/Method of administration</b></p>	<p>Administration of the vaccine should be given by intramuscular injection and the preferred site is the deltoid region of the upper arm.</p> <p>Individuals with known bleeding disorders should receive the vaccine by deep subcutaneous route to reduce the risk of bleeding.</p> <p>This vaccine <b>should not be given</b> by the intravenous or intradermal routes under any circumstances.</p> <p>Adsorbed diphtheria (low dose), tetanus, and inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine (Td/IPV): can be given at the same time as other vaccines.</p> <p>When administering at the same time as other vaccines care should be taken to ensure that the appropriate route of injection is used for each of the vaccinations. The vaccines should be given when possible in different limbs to allow monitoring of local reactions to the REVAXIS®. If given in the same limb they should be given at different sites at least 2.5cm apart (American Academy of Paediatrics 2003). The site at which each vaccine was administered should be noted in the individual's records.</p> <p>The vaccine's normal appearance is a cloudy white suspension that may sediment during storage. REVAXIS® is supplied as a pre-filled syringe so no preparation is required. However, if sedimentation occurs, shake the pre-filled syringe well to distribute uniformly the suspension before administering the vaccine.</p>
<p><b>Quantity to be administered</b></p>	<p>0.5mL dose per administration.</p>



<p><b>Storage requirements</b></p>	<p>Vaccine will be stored in a temperature controlled refrigerator between +2°C and +8°C. Refrigerators should have maximum and minimum temperatures recorded daily. Do not freeze.</p> <p>Store in original packaging in order to protect from light.</p> <p>Individual NHS Board guidance on the storage, handling and cold chain in relation to vaccines must be observed. Likewise, individual NHS Board guidance in relation to waste management and the disposal of all spent, partially spent or unused vaccines must also be observed.</p> <p>In the event of an inadvertent or unavoidable deviation of these conditions, vaccine that has been stored outside the conditions stated above should be quarantined and risk assessed for suitability of continued off-label use or appropriate disposal.</p>
<p><b>Follow-up (if applicable)</b></p>	<p>Following immunisation patients should remain under observation in line with individual NHS Board policy.</p> <p>Individuals should not leave if they are feeling unwell without speaking to the healthcare professional who administered the vaccine first. If necessary a doctor or the individuals GP should be contacted for advice.</p> <p>Where proof of vaccination is required, a certificate, stamped vaccination booklet or equivalent must be supplied.</p>
<p><b>Advice (Verbal)</b></p>	<p>Advise individual/person with parental responsibility what to expect and what to do for minor and major reactions.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer of preventative measures to reduce exposure to polio through careful attention to food and water hygiene and hand washing.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer of preventative measures to reduce exposure to diphtheria by practising good respiratory and hand hygiene, especially in overcrowded or busy places.</p> <p>Advise the individual/parent/carer on wound cleansing and seeking medical help for tetanus prone injuries</p> <p>If serious adverse or persistent effects occur, the individual/person with parental responsibility should be advised to contact their GP/Accident and Emergency department/NHS24.</p> <p>When administration is postponed advise the individual/person with parental responsibility when to return for vaccination.</p>

	<p>If appropriate, advise the individual/person with parental responsibility when subsequent doses are due and if any follow up is required.</p>
<p><b>Advice (Written)</b></p>	<p>The PIL contained in the medicine(s) should be made available to the individual/person with parental responsibility. Where this is unavailable, or unsuitable, sufficient information should be given in a language that they can understand.</p> <p>Further information on travel health is available at <a href="https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/home">https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/home</a></p>
<p><b>Identifying and managing possible adverse reactions</b></p>	<p>Syncope (fainting) can occur following, or even before, any vaccination especially in adolescents as a psychogenic response to the needle injection. This can be accompanied by several neurological signs such as transient visual disturbance, paraesthesia and tonic-clonic limb movements during recovery.</p> <p>The most commonly seen reactions are minor local injection site reactions such as hardening of the skin, oedema, pain and redness. A small painless nodule may form at the injection site.</p> <p>Common adverse reactions include pyrexia, headache, vertigo, nausea and vomiting.</p> <p>As with all vaccines there is a very small possibility of anaphylaxis and facilities for its management must be available.</p> <p><b>This list is not exhaustive. Please also refer to current BNF/BNFC and manufacturers SmPC for details of all potential adverse reactions.</b></p> <p><b>BNF/BNFC:</b>  <a href="#">BNF British National Formulary - NICE</a>  <a href="#">BNF for Children British National Formulary - NICE</a></p> <p><b>SmPC/PIL/Risk Minimisation Material:</b>  <a href="#">Home - electronic medicines compendium (emc)</a>  <a href="#">MHRA Products   Home</a>  <a href="#">RMM Directory - (emc)</a></p> <p>If an adverse reaction does occur give immediate treatment and inform relevant medical practitioner as soon as possible.</p> <p>Report any severe reactions using the Yellow Card System.  <a href="#">Yellow Card Scheme - MHRA</a></p>

<p><b>Facilities and supplies required</b></p>	<p>The following are to be available at sites where the vaccine is to be administered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmaceutical refrigerator (or a validated cool box for storing vaccine if mobile unit)</li> <li>• An acceptable level of privacy to respect individual's right to confidentiality and safety</li> <li>• Basic airway resuscitation equipment (e.g. bag valve mask)</li> <li>• Immediate access to Epinephrine (Adrenaline) 1 in 1000 injection</li> <li>• Access to a working telephone</li> <li>• Another competent adult, who can summon urgent emergency support if required should ideally be present</li> <li>• Access to medical support (this may be via the telephone)</li> <li>• Approved equipment for the disposal of used materials</li> <li>• Clean and tidy work areas, including access to hand washing facilities or alcohol hand gel</li> <li>• A copy of this PGD in print or electronically</li> </ul>
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**Characteristics of staff authorised to administer vaccine under PGD**

<p><b>Professional qualifications</b></p>	<p>Those registered healthcare professionals that are listed and approved in legislation as able to operate under Patient Group Directions, as identified and included in individual Board immunisation delivery plans.</p>
<p><b>Specialist competencies</b></p>	<p><b>Approved by the organisation as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent to assess the individual's/person with parental responsibilities capacity to understand the nature and purpose of vaccination in order to give or refuse consent</li> <li>• Competent to undertake administration of the vaccine and discuss issues related to vaccination</li> <li>• Competent in the handling and storage of vaccines, and management of the "cold chain"</li> <li>• Competent to work under this PGD.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ongoing training and competency</b></p>	<p><b>All professionals working under this PGD must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have undertaken NoS PGD module training on <a href="#">TURAS Learn</a></li> <li>• Have attended basic life support training either face to face or online and updated in-line with individual Board requirements</li> <li>• Have undertaken immunisation training where available</li> <li>• Have undertaken NHS e-anaphylaxis training or equivalent which covers all aspects of the identification and management of anaphylaxis updated in-line with individual Board requirements</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain their skills, knowledge and their own professional level of competence in this area according to their individual Code of Professional Conduct</li> <li>• Have knowledge and familiarity of the following;             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current edition of the <a href="#">Green Book</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">SmPC</a> for the vaccine to be administered in accordance with this PGD</li> <li>○ Relevant policy relating to vaccine storage and immunisation procedures for use within their Health Board</li> <li>○ Relevant Scottish Government Health Directorate advice including the relevant CMO letter(s).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Responsibilities of professional manager(s)</b></p>	<p><b>Professional manager(s) will be responsible for;</b></p> <p>Ensuring that the current PGD is available to all staff providing care under this direction.</p> <p>Ensuring that staff have received adequate training in all areas relevant to this PGD and meet the requirements above.</p> <p>Maintain up to date record of all staff authorised to administer the vaccine specified in this direction.</p>

## Documentation

<p><b>Authorisation of administration</b></p>	<p>Qualified health professionals working within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside and Western Isles listed and approved in legislation as able to operate under PGD can be authorised to administer the vaccine specified in this PGD in accordance with local delivery plans and by agreement at individual Board level as per the following:</p> <p>Nurses, midwives and health visitors can be authorised by their line manager.</p> <p>Pharmacists working within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside and Western Isles can be authorised to administer the medicine(s) specified in this PGD when they have completed local Board requirements for service registration.</p> <p>The following list of healthcare professionals can be authorised by their Line Manager, Head of Service or Vaccine Coordinator: Chiropodists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, dieticians, occupational therapists, optometrists, orthoptists, orthotist/prosthetists, paramedics, physiotherapists, podiatrists, radiographers and speech and language therapists.</p>
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	<p>All authorised staff are required to read the PGD and sign the Agreement to Administer Medicines Under PGD (<a href="#">Appendix 1</a>).</p> <p>A Certificate of Authorisation (<a href="#">Appendix 2</a>) signed by the authorising professional/manager should be supplied. This should be held in the individual health professional's records, or as agreed within the individual Health Board.</p>
<p><b>Record of administration</b></p>	<p>An electronic or paper record for recording the screening of individuals and the subsequent administration, or not of the vaccine specified in this PGD must be completed in order to allow audit of practice. This should include as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date and time of vaccine administration</li> <li>• Individuals name and CHI</li> <li>• Exclusion criteria, record why the vaccine was not administered (if applicable)</li> <li>• Record that valid consent to treatment under this PGD was obtained</li> <li>• The name, brand, dose, form, batch number, expiry date, route/site of the vaccination administered</li> <li>• Advice given, including advice given if excluded or declined treatment under this PGD</li> <li>• Signature and name in capital letters of the healthcare professional who administered the vaccine</li> <li>• Record of any adverse effects (advise individuals GP/relevant medical practitioner).</li> </ul> <p>Depending on the clinical setting where administration is undertaken, the information should be recorded manually or electronically on the individual service specific system, as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual service specific systems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Audit</b></p>	<p>All records of the vaccine specified in this PGD will be filed with the normal records of medicines in each practice/service. A designated person within each practice/service where the PGD will be used will be responsible for annual audit to ensure a system of recording medicines administered under a PGD.</p>
<p><b>References</b></p>	<p>Electronic Medicines Compendium  <a href="http://www.medicines.org.uk">http://www.medicines.org.uk</a> REVAXIS® - Date of revision of text 24/07/20, accessed 16/03/22.</p> <p>British National Formulary for Children and the British National Formulary <a href="https://about.medicinescomplete.com/">https://about.medicinescomplete.com/</a> accessed 15/03/22.</p>

	<p>Department of Health (2006): Immunisation against Infectious Disease [Green Book] <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book</a></p> <p>Green Book Diphtheria <a href="#">Chapter 15</a>, Polio <a href="#">Chapter 26</a>, and Tetanus <a href="#">Chapter 30</a>.</p> <p>American Academy of Pediatrics (2003) Active immunisation. In: Pickering LK (ed.) Red Book: 2003 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, 26th edition. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics, p 33.</p>
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## Appendix 1

### Healthcare Professional Agreement to Administer Vaccine Under Patient Group Direction

I: \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert name)

Working within: \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. Area, Practice

Agree to administer the vaccine contained within the following Patient Group Direction:

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I have completed the appropriate training to my professional standards enabling me to administer the vaccine under the above direction. I agree not to act beyond my professional competence, nor out with the recommendations of the direction.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Profession:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Registration number/PIN** \_\_\_\_\_



**Appendix 2**

**Healthcare Professionals Authorisation to Administer Vaccine  
 Under Patient Group Direction**

**The Lead manager/Professional** of each clinical area is responsible for maintaining records of all clinical areas where this PGD is in use, and to whom it has been disseminated.

**The Senior Nurse/Professional** who approves a healthcare professional to administer the vaccine under this PGD is responsible for ensuring that he or she is competent, qualified and trained to do so, and for maintaining an up-to-date record of such approved persons.

**The Healthcare Professional** that is approved to administer the vaccine under this PGD is responsible for ensuring that he or she understands and is qualified, trained and competent to undertake the duties required. The approved person is also responsible for ensuring that administration is carried out within the terms of the direction, and according to his or her individual code of professional practice and conduct.

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Local clinical area(s) where the listed healthcare professionals will operate under this PGD:

Name of Healthcare Professional	Signature	Date	Name of Manager	Signature	Date

