

POTENTIAL RABIES EXPOSURE: WHAT TO DO

Due to the national shortage of rabies vaccine, there is an established procedure that we need to follow in determining the need for rabies vaccine:

1. There are several places you can call to assist in “triaging” whether or not presenting information warrants rabies vaccine series: you need to reach one of these so that you can obtain a passcode for the vaccine if needed
 - A. **Cook County Health Department** (708-492-2000: +after hours hotline pager available for assistance) **Evanston Health Department** (847-866-2962)
 - B. **Lake County Health Department** (847-377-8130: +after hours hotline pager available for assistance)
 - C. **Dr. Connie Austin at IDPH** (217-785-7165)
2. Enter the order into EPIC (order number 13168 in EPIC)
3. Call pharmacy-ask to speak with the “Pharm-D” and inform them that you have a pass code: they will take that information and fill out the necessary paperwork in order to replenish their stock
4. The Pharmacy will then send the rabies vaccine that they have in stock down to the ED for that patient (so there should be no delay in getting the vaccine)