



Rabies Immune Globulin

Reporting Animal Bites & Risk Assessing for Rabies Immune Globulin (Rablg)

- Mammal bites are to be reported to Public Health, as per Ontario legislation
- **York Region Public Health (YRPH) must be called** to notify and receive authorization for Rablg administration
- YRPH Animal Exposure forms must be completed, sent to YRPH, and attached to patient chart
- Risk assessment must be completed with YRPH
- YRPH will provide a recommendation whether to give Rabies IG based on risk assessment
- Decision to administration is physician's discretion

Dosing of Rablg

- Usual Dose: 20 IU/ kg
- YRPH will calculate, based on patient weight, the **maximum number of vials** authorized to be given
- Physician to calculate the **actual maximum** dose of medication to be infiltrated at the site of injury

Administering of Rablg

- Depending on size and site of injury, draw up what can be reasonably administered
- Administer as much of the dose as possible to the site of injury **only**
- **DO NOT** administer more than the maximum calculated dose
- **DO NOT** administer any remaining Rablg intramuscularly – as per new sparing policy
- Document the actual dose given and Lot # of used vials
- Notify YRPH the actual dose given and Lot # of used vials

Unused Rablg

- After administering Rablg at site of injury, any empty or partially used vial can be discarded, and unopened/unused vials are to be returned to stock
- Document the actual dose given and Lot # of used vials
- Notify YRPH the actual dose given and Lot # of used vials

Who can administer the Rablg

- RPNs and RNs with an order from an authorized provider may administer so long as you have the knowledge, skill and judgement