



Travel Medicine

Objectives:

- Define travel medicine and its importance
- Levels of travel medicine (pre, during, post)
- Pre-travel consultation (risk assessment, risk management, immunization, prophylaxis, self-medications)
- Immunization (required, recommended, routine)
- Other infections (malaria, zika, traveler's diarrhea)
- Prevention (food, water and personal precautions, environmental precautions, vector and animal precautions, injury precautions)
- Travel emergency kit
- Post-travel care

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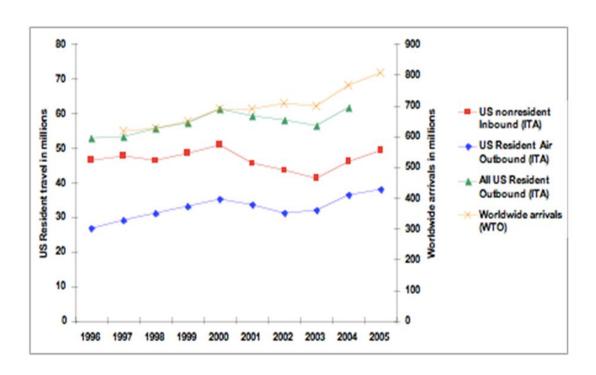
What does travel medicine do?

- Seeks to prevent illnesses and injuries occurring to travelers going abroad
 - Ex. Saudis going abroad, we give advices and precautions
- Manages problems arising in travelers **coming back** or coming from abroad
- Impact of **tourism** on health and to improve health and safety services to tourists
- Refugee and migrant health

Why travel medicine?

WORLDWIDE:

- 1950 25 million international tourist arrivals
- 2000 664 million international tourist arrivals
- 2010 940 million international tourist arrivals (growth rate 7% from 2009)
- 2030 forecast 1.8 billion



Importance of travel medicine:

Of 100,000 travellers to the developing world for 1 month:

- 50.000 will develop some sort of health problem during their trip 50%
- 8000 will see a physician
- 5000 will have to stay in bed
- 300 will have to be admitted to hospital either during their trip or on return
- 50 will need to be air evacuated إخلاء طبي
- 1 will die

Concerns:

- International travel carries a risk for travelers, community of origin and community of destination
- The risk for travelers includes diseases, injuries and death

Types of travelers:

- Tourists Pilgrims
- VFRs (visiting friends and relations)
 Refugees
- Business travellers
 Asylum seekers
- Migrant workers
 Gap Year travel
- Military
 Students
- Aid and Development workers
 Expatriates

Hiking and diving have more risk

Special populations:

- Elderly travellers
- Infants and children
- Pregnant women
- Travellers with chronic diseases
- Travellers with disability
- Immunocompromised traveller

Special itineraries: We must ask before she/he travels to know how to prevent.

Cruise ship travel

Extreme travel

Diving

Mass gatherings (eg. The Hajj)

Extended stay

Wilderness/remote regions

Risk depends on destination

Components of travel medicine:

- Pre-travel
- During travel
- Post-travel

Pre-travel consultation: (4-6 weeks before departure)

- Risk assessment (potential hazards) Questions about the trip
- Risk management (advice to reduce exposure to health risks)

If a potential danger is suspected

- Service delivery: immunization, prophylaxis or self-medications
- Empower traveler to manage his health

Ex. Diabetic patients and chronic diseases patient to get prescriptions for the whole travel period.

Risk assessment:

Information about travelers	Information about trip
Age and sex	Destination
Medical history	Length of stay
Medications	Mode of transport Airplane: low pressure Boat: motion sickness
Allergies	Purpose of trip and planned activities
Immunization history	Financial budget, accommodation, insurance
	Very important: There's a difference between someone who's staying at a 5 stars or 2 stars hotel
Special health needs Disabilities	Healthcare in destination

Risk factors and health problems facing international travelers:

RISK:

- Overcrowding

 If he's living a small town and not used to look around for cars passing.
- Low sanitation
- Climatic change
- Vector of diseases
- Unsafe roads
- Security problems Break-ins

HEALTH PROBLEMS:

- Aggravation of existing problem
- Food and water borne infections Traveller
- Air borne infections
- Unintentional & Intentional Injuries
- Vector borne diseases
- Zoonotic diseases

Common diseases associated with international travel

Gastrointestinal

- Traveler's diarrhea
- · Typhoid fever
- · Hepatitis A
- Cholera
- Poliomyelitis

Respiratory diseases

- Influenza
- · Meningitis
- Mers-Cov
- Tuberculosis

Vector borne diseases

- · Yellow fever
- Malaria
- · Dengue fever
- Leishmaniosis
- Japanese encephalitis

Behavior related

Sexually transmitted diseases

Zoonotic diseases

Rabies

Blood borne

· Hepatitis B

Soil borne

Tetanus

Unintentional and intentional injuries:

- Road traffic injuries
- Interpersonal violence
- Injury in recreational water
- Animal bites (domestic and wild animals)
- Falls (unintentional)

Risk management (give advise):

- Food and water safety and hand hygiene
- Insect bite prevention Tropical regions
- Immunization
- Malaria prevention In malaria endemic regions
- Personal safety (RTA, fall, drowning, fire, robbery, STD)
- Environmental risks (sun exposure, heat, high altitude, motion sickness, DVT)
- Travelers with special needs (chronic disease, children, pregnant)
 - "Take your medications, monitors, snack"
- Traveler's medical insurance If he has risk, patient should get one even if the country does not require insurance.

Preventive measures for common diseases among international travelers:

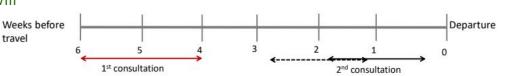
Immunization and (or) Chemoprophylaxis

Immunization:

- Routine:
 - Childhood immunizations
- Recommended:
 - According to risk of infection
- Required:
 - Yellow fever vaccine
 - Meningococcal vaccine

Immunization for travelers

if we take a 6 weeks vaccine 1 week prior, it might not be activated it yet and patient will acquire infection.



4-6 weeks before travel

travel

Booster doses

Routine immunizations:

In KSA	Others in other countries
Hepatitis A&B	Human papillomavirus
BCG	Tick borne encephalitis
DPT	Influenza
MMR	
Polio	
Pneumococcal	
Meningococcal	
Rota virus	
Varicella	
Haemophilus influenzae	

Required immunizations:

- Yellow fever (international health regulation)
- Meningococcal meningitis: by Saudi Arabia for Hajj and Umrah and seasonal workers.
- Polio Also in hajj and umrah

Yellow fever vaccine:

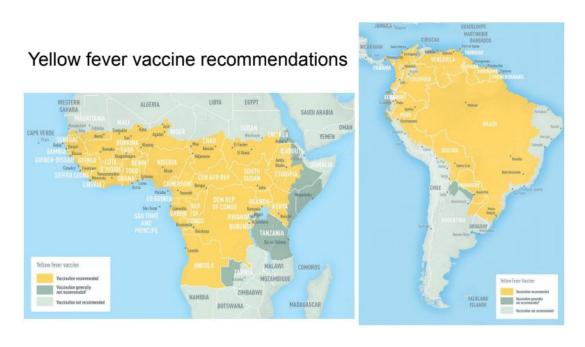
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For Haji

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- Single dose (injection)

Meningitis belt

Risk:

- Sub-Saharan Africa (seasonal)
- Saudi Arabia (Hajj)
- Crowded student dormitory situations

Protection:

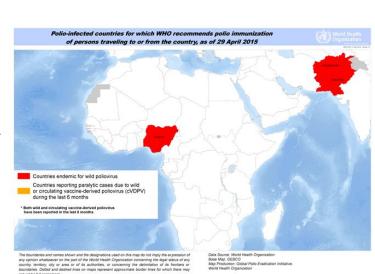
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Polio:

- Transmission: contaminated food and water.
- Rare in travelers
- Prevention:
- 1. Food, water, personal hygiene
- 2. Vaccination (injectable, oral)

Polio in Saudi Arabia:

- In Saudi Arabia, proof of receipt of polio vaccine is required from travelers from endemic countries or countries vulnerable to infection or re-infection.
- within the previous 12 months and at least 4 weeks prior to departure
- All travelers from these countries will also receive 1 dose of OPV at border points on arrival in Saudi Arabia



Recommended immunizations (according to risk): Depends upon distenatin

- Hepatitis A, B
- Typhoid
- Cholera
- Poliomyelitis
- Japanese encephalitis
- Rabies
- Tick-borne encephalitis

Hepatitis A:

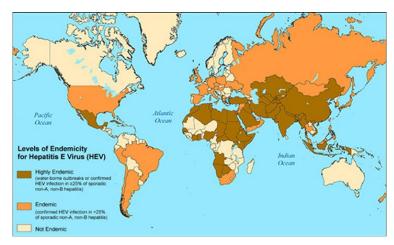
- Endemic in many developing countries
- High mortality in elderly and pregnant women.
- Prevention by food, water, personal hygiene and immunization
- Two doses of inactivated vaccines (HAVRIX® or VAQTA®)
- First dose: 70 85% develop antibodies within two weeks Partially protection
- Second dose: after 12 to 18 months leading 100% seroconversion
- If traveling in <4 weeks after 1st dose: immune globulin should be administered at a different anatomic injection site

Protection:

- 14 20 years in children
- 25 years among adults

Recommended:

- Travelers to the developing countries
- 2 years and older



Hepatitis B:

- Transmission: Blood-borne, sexual contact
- Prevention: Avoid risk factors, immunization
 - Routine screening for blood donors
 - Protected sexual contact

Hepatitis B vaccine:

- Recombinant vaccine given by intramuscular injection
- Monovalent or combined with hepatitis A (for those ≥ 18 years)
- Regular schedule: 0-, 1-, and 6-month with no booster dose

Accelerated schedule for the combined vaccine only (FDA) No booster required

- 0-, 7-, and 21- days
- Booster dose at 1 year

Recommended for travelers to endemic areas and

travelers with special risk

Ex. a surgeon going for a volunteer mission

Typhoid:

- Transmission: by contaminated food and water
- Prevention: food, water, personal hygiene and vaccination

Live attenuated (Ty21a):

- Oral vaccine
- Four doses (One capsule on alternating days not with antibiotics)
- Schedule should be completed at least one week before traveling
- Booster every 5 7 years

Vi capsular polysaccharide vaccine (ViCPS): If the patient isn't coming back

- Single dose intramuscular injection
- At least two weeks before traveling
- Booster at 2 years intervals

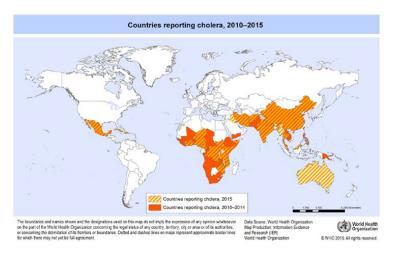


- 1. Both vaccines are effective but differ in duration of immunity
- Compliance may be a problem with oral vaccine 2.
- Recommended to travelers to developing countries 3.



Cholera:

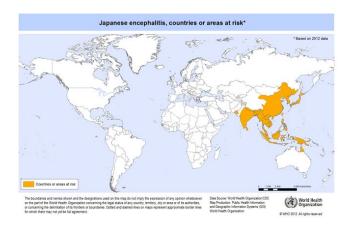
- Transmission by contaminated food or water.
- Rare in travelers
- Prevention: food, water, Personal hygiene and Vaccination (oral)
- Live attenuated oral vaccine
- Result in 60–80% protection for 6 to 12 months
- Not effective against the new serotype O139 (spread rapidly through Asia in mid 90s)



Japanese encephalitis:

- Transmission: by mosquito bite
- Risk increases in travelers to rural Asia or long stay travelers.
- Prevention: vector control and vaccination
- Two available vaccines
- Given as three doses: 0, 7 and 30 days
- Accelerated schedule of two doses at 0 and 7 days (80% conversion)
- The last dose should be at least 10 days before departure
- Booster dose at 24 months if the risk continues

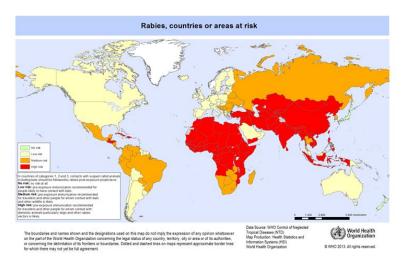
Vaccine should be given at least 10 days prior to departure because of the possible serious adverse reactions



Rabies:

- Transmission: animal bite or scratch
- Risk: occupational, travel to rabies risk countries
- Prevention; immunization, Preexposure, Post exposure and Immunoglobulin
- Inactivated vaccine
- Three doses on 0, 7, and 21 or 28 (intramuscular)

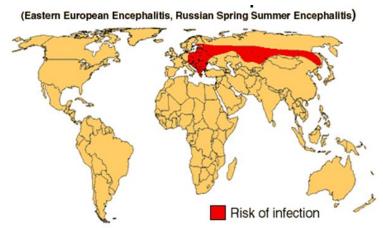
Pre-exposure vaccine eliminates the need for rabies immunoglobulin (RIG) after exposure, but does not eliminate the need for additional post exposure rabies vaccinations.



Tick-borne encephalitis:

Transmission by:

- 1. Ixodes sp. Ticks
- 2. Ingestion of unpasteurized dairy products



- Rural forested areas of east and central Europe, Russia and parts of Asia
- March November

Prevention:

- Tick prevention
- Avoidance of unpasteurized dairy products
- Vaccination
- Self check and removal ASAP (tweezers)

Other vaccines - influenza:

The risk:

- Risk of exposure to the virus is throughout the year in tropical and subtropical areas
- The attack rate is 1.2–2.8% in travelers of all age groups

The vaccine:

- Inactivated parenteral vaccine
- live attenuated vaccine administered by nasal spray (for healthy persons 5–49 years)

Recommended to travelers to:

North hemisphere: november to march

- tropics and subtropics at risk of serious related complications
- Southern Hemisphere from April through September

Other vaccines - Tuberculosis:

The vaccine:

- BCG vaccine
- Live attenuated
- Single intradermal injection
- Recommended to long stay in developing countries
- Baseline tuberculin before travel with a follow up every 1 year

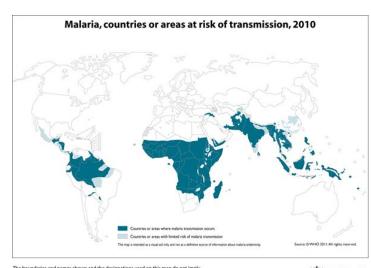
Chemoprophylaxis:

Malaria:

Transmission by mosquito bite

Prevention:

- Awareness
- Bite avoidance
- Chemoprophylaxis
- Diagnosis of febrile illness



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Malaria chemoprophylaxis: (before, during and after traveling)

Proguanil (all areas):

• 1 − 2 days before departure, daily during the journey and 7 days after return

Doxycycline (all areas):

• 1 – 2 days before departure, daily during the journey and 4 weeks

Chloroquine (chloroquine sensitive areas):

• 1 – 2 weeks before departure, daily during the journey and 4 weeks after return

Primaquine (predominant vivax areas and ovale):

• 1 − 2 days before departure, daily during the journey and 7 days after return

Mefloquine (mefloquine sensitive areas):

• 2 weeks before departure, daily during the journey and 4 weeks after return

Other infections:

Zika virus:

- Transmission by mosquito bite
- Risk to pregnant women which leads to microcephaly and other brain abnormalities
- Prevention: preventing mosquito bites

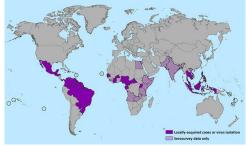
Traveler's diarrhea:

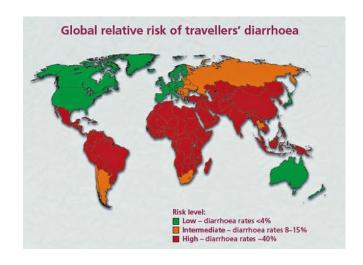
Cause:

- Bacterial (60-80%)
- Viral (10-20%)
- Parasitic (5-10%)

Prevention:

- Wash It, Peel It*, Cook It, or Forget It
- Only Drink Bottled Water
- Wash hands frequently





Post-Travel Care:

Post-travel checkup: For endemic, long term travel or has chronic disease

- Long term travelers
- Adventure travelers
- Expatriates in developing world

Post-travel care:

- Fever, chills, sweats
- Persistent diarrhea
- Weight loss

Travelers' responsibilities:

- Decide on the travel destination and timing
- Recognize and accept risk
- Visit the general practitioner prior to traveling
- Obtain travel insurance
- Adhere to the preventive precautions
- Carry medical kits and understand its use
- Assume the responsibility of the health and safety of children
- Respect people and culture in country of destination
- Visit the general practitioner upon return

Responsibilities of traveler: check status of destination:

Warning level 1: Practice usual precautions

Presence of usual risk for infectious diseases as diarrheal diseases and malaria

Warning level 2: Practice enhanced precautions

Presence of MERS-CoV is Arabian Peninsula

Warning level 3: Avoid non-essential travel

• Presence of outbreak (Ebola) and adverse security situation

Responsibility of traveler: consult general practitioner:

Before departure:

Timing: 4 to 6 weeks

Purpose:

- Medical evaluation
- Risk assessment
- Receive preventive interventions
- Travel advice

After arrival:

- Have chronic diseases
- Spent >3 months in a developing country
- Received treatment for malaria while travelling
- Exposed to a serious infectious disease while travelling
- Experienced illness in the weeks following return (fever, persistent diarrhea, vomiting, jaundice, urinary disorders, skin disease or genital infection)

Responsibility of traveler: issue travel insurance:

Required in case of:

- Illness
- Accident
- Death

Covers:

- Changes to the itinerary
- Emergency repatriation for health reasons
- Medical care (illness and accidents)
- Hospitalization
- Repatriation of the body in case of death.

Precautions:

Food and Water Precautions:

- Bottled water
- Selection of foods: well-cooked and hot

Avoidance of

- salads, raw vegetables
- unpasteurized dairy products
- street vendors
- ice

Environmental Precautions:

- Air Travel
- Jet Lag
- Sun Protection
- Extreme Heat and Cold:
- 1. dehydration, heat stroke
- 2. hypothermia, frostbite
- Altitude
- Water recreation:
- 1. Drowning, boating & diving accidents
- 2. Risk of schistosomiasis or leptospirosis
- 3. Biological and chemical contamination

Vector Precautions:

- Covering exposed skin
- Insect repellent containing DEET 25 50%
- Treatment of outer clothing with permethrin
- Use of permethrin-impregnated bed net
- Use of insect screens over open windows
- Air conditioned rooms
- Use of aerosol insecticide indoors
- Use of pyrethroid coils outdoors
- Inspection for ticks

Animal Precautions:

Animal avoidance

Rabies:

- Specific animal threats
- Medical evaluation of bites/scratches
- Post exposure immunization and immunoglobulin

Envenomations:

- Snakes, scorpions, spiders
- Maritime animals

Injury and Crime:

Vehicles:

- Risk of road and pedestrian accidents
- Night travel
- Seat belts and car seats

Avoid the use of drugs and alcohol

Understanding local crime risks:

- Scam awareness
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- Diving
- Mass gatherings (eg. The Hajj)
- Extended stay
- Wilderness/remote regions

Risk depends on destination

Components of travel medicine:

- Pre-travel
- During travel
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Risk assessment (potential hazards)	Information about travelers	Information about trip
	Age and sex	destination
	Medical history	Length of stay
	medications	Mode of transport
	allergies	Purpose of trip
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	Special health needs	Health care in destination
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Chemoprophylaxis (before, during and after traveling)		
Malaria: Details in lecture you should study them	Transmission by mosquito bite Prevention: Awareness Bite avoidance Chemoprophylaxis Diagnosis of febrile illness Fever in returned traveler is a medical emergency considered malaria until proven otherwise	

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