

Rabies Immunoglobulin (Rlg)

Vaccination,
the best protection

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Rlg consists of antibodies extracted from the blood of numerous donors. It protects against rabies and its complications. Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus found in some animals. There is also a rabies vaccine that can be given at the same time as the Rlg.

Disease	Transmission	Signs and symptoms	Possible complications
Rabies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rabies is spread by the bite of a rabid animal, or a wound or mucous membrane coming into contact with its saliva. <p><i>After possible exposure to rabies, you should wash the wound with soap and water for several minutes.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pain and numbness around the biteAgitationDifficulty swallowingConvulsions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Death

Rlg

Rlg is one way of protection against rabies and its complications. Rlg is recommended for persons who may have been exposed to the rabies virus.

Symptoms after immunization

Some symptoms may be caused by the Rlg (e.g. pain at the injection site). Other problems may occur by chance and are not related to the Rlg (e.g. cold, gastro, headache).

Rlg are safe. In most cases, it does not cause any reaction.

Possible reactions to Rlg	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pain at the injection siteSwelling of the faceFever, skin rashRenal problems (rare cases reported)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apply a cold, damp compress at the injection site.Use a medication for fever or discomfort if needed.See a doctor if symptoms are severe.

We recommend that you stay at the clinic for at least 15 minutes after immunization with Rlg because allergic reactions may occur. If an allergic reaction occurs, the symptoms will appear a few minutes after the immunization. The person giving the Rlg will be able to treat this reaction immediately.

**For any questions, contact the person giving the Rlg,
or Info-Santé 8-1-1 or your doctor.**