

## Patient Product Information

### Rabies Vaccine, Human IP

**INDIRAB®**

**Generic name: [Purified, Inactivated, Lyophilized Rabies Vaccine]**

Read this information with care before getting INDIRAB®

#### 1. What is INDIRAB® and what is it used for?

INDIRAB® is a vaccine for Rabies, a viral disease caused by rabies virus (Rabies lyssavirus).

Rabies can be passed to humans through the bite of a rabid animal, most commonly a rabid dog. Early symptoms of rabies include weakness, fever and headache. As the disease gets worse, rabies can cause anxiety and agitation (feeling nervous, worried, or upset), seizures (sudden, unusual movements or behavior) and hallucinations (seeing things that aren't there). Once a person shows symptoms of rabies, the disease is almost always fatal. INDIRAB® is a purified inactivated, lyophilized Rabies vaccine, prepared in vero cells. INDIRAB® is administered by intramuscular or intradermal route.

**Intramuscular route:** Single dose for children and adults: 0.5ml or 1.0 ml in the deltoid muscle of adults and in the antero-lateral region of the thigh in young children <2 years of age.

**Intradermal route:** Single dose for children and adults: 0.1 ml per site in the upper arm. Vaccine administered intradermally using a tuberculin/insulin syringe must raise a visible and palpable "bleb" in the skin. In the event that a dose of vaccine is inadvertently given subcutaneously or an intramuscular injection, a new dose should be administered intradermally immediately in the nearby site.

The vaccination schedule should be adapted according to the category of exposure.

**Table 1: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Schedule (Intramuscular/Intradermal Administration)**

1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Day 0
2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Day 7
3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	Day 21 or Day 28

Routine booster vaccination is recommended if the antibody titre is < 0.5 IU/ml.

**Table 2: Post-Exposure Immunisation**

<b>Dose</b>	<b>Day of Administration</b>	<b>Intramuscular (0.5ml/1.0ml)</b>	<b>Intradermal (0.1ml)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Day 0	1 dose	2 doses (1 dose on each arm)
2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Day 3	1 dose	2 doses (1 dose on each arm)
3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	Day 7	1 dose	2 doses (1 dose on each arm)
4 <sup>th</sup> dose	Day 14	1 dose	-
5 <sup>th</sup> dose	Day 28	1 dose	2 doses (1 dose on each arm)

**2. What are the important aspects to note before administering INDIRAB®?**

Please inform doctor or nurse before taking INDIRAB® if the subject:

- Have had an allergic reaction to the rabies vaccine in the past
- Have other severe allergies
- Have HIV/AIDS
- Have cancer
- Taking medicines that can affect your immune system

If the subject is already exposed to rabies, like if the subject has been bitten by an animal that could have rabies, the subject needs to get the vaccine even if the subject has any of these conditions.

**3. What are the possible side effects from administering INDIRAB®?**

Side effects are usually mild and go away in a few days. They may include pain, erythema, edema, pruritus, and induration at injection site. Other side effects include fever, shivering, fainting, headache, dizziness, muscle aches, joint pains and stomach upset.