



Rabies

(to be carried at all times and presented to medical personnel in the event of exposure)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

The individual carrying this card works in a laboratory with Rabies and may have come into contact via infectious droplets and aerosols containing rabies virus.

SPECIAL HAZARDS: Fixed tissue preparations can still be infectious, so extreme care is needed when handling them.

Note: This card is intended to be informational and should not substitute for clinical presentation and provider judgment of individual clinical cases.

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MEDICAL ALERT INFORMATION

The person carrying this card has an occupational exposure to Rabies.
Immediately call Occupational Health at **301.405.3315** and consult with Infectious Diseases

COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Incubation period: days to years
- Initial presentation:
 - Flu-like symptoms, apprehension, behavior changes, headache, fever, malaise
 - Progressive encephalomyelitis, usually fatal

POST-EXPOSURE TREATMENT

- Thoroughly wash any skin wounds with soap and water and/or flush eyes or other affected mucous membranes with water
- Baseline serology: Rabies antibody
- Repeat rabies vaccination (even if employee has already been immunized)
 - If no past immunization, also use Rabies immune globulin (RIG)