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**Government of India**  
**National Medical Commission**  
**Policy & Coordination Division**



Pocket - 14, Sector - 8,  
Dwarka, Phase-1, New Delhi - 77.  
Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

## **ADVISORY**

**Subject: RABIES MANAGEMENT BY MEDICAL COLLEGES/INSTITUTIONS.**

You may be aware that *rabies* remains a major public health concern in India, primarily due to dog-mediated transmission. It is **100% fatal**, but also **almost 100% preventable** with timely administration of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) immediately after an animal bite.

*A National Action Plan for Dog-Mediated Rabies Elimination by 2030 (NAPRE)* was conceptualized and jointly launched by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD) on **28<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**. **Link for NPPE Guidelines:**  
<https://rabiesfreeindia.mohfw.gov.in/resources/uploads/PageContentPdf/169391359514.pdf>

Medical Colleges / Institutions play a pivotal role in ensuring **timely case management, surveillance, training, and community awareness**. Medical Colleges / Institutions, therefore, advised to undertake the following key activities under National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP):

i ) **Periodic Training of Medical Staff:** Conduct regular and structured training sessions for Junior Residents, Senior Residents, and Students on animal bite/dog bite management and rabies PEP as per the latest national guidelines.

### **Training Module For Medical Officer:**

<https://rabiesfreeindia.mohfw.gov.in/resources/uploads/PageContentPdf/174419632223.pdf>

### **National Guideline for Rabies Prophylaxis:**

<https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/National-Guidelines-for-Rabies-Prophylaxis.pdf>

ii) **Ensuring Availability of PEP Logistics:** Ensure sustained availability of Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and Anti-Rabies Serum (ARS) in all Medical

Colleges for timely and effective management of animal bite victims.

iii) **Maintenance of Animal Bite Exposure (ABE) Register:** Each Medical College should maintain a dedicated ABE Register, updated regularly with details of all animal bite cases managed by the institution (*format enclosed at Annexure - A*).

iv) **Surveillance and Data Reporting:** All animal bite/dog bite cases and suspected human rabies cases must be notified to the respective State Nodal Officer-NRCP of the State Health Department. The data should also be uploaded on the **Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP)** under IDSP (*Line list format for suspected human rabies cases enclosed at Annexure - A*).

v) **Awareness Generation at Facility Level:** Medical Colleges and their associated hospitals / peripheral centres should actively promote rabies awareness by displaying IEC materials and videos in OPDs, emergency areas, and waiting halls. These IEC resources, developed by the Ministry are accessible at : IECs & Videos on Rabies : <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1ejyt5iS9LdNfuOL46MZQPP3okOqSi aJD>

2. For any further technical support or information, the programme Division at the Centre for One Health, NCDC may be contacted at 011-20836151 or via email at [nahreindia-ncdc@ncdc.gov.in](mailto:nahreindia-ncdc@ncdc.gov.in).

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To,

Principals / Deans / Heads of all the Medical Colleges / Institutions

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V. Hekali Zhimomi, IAS  
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

DO No. NRCP/55/288/12-2024/COH/NCDC

Dated the 28th August, 2025

Dear Madam/Sir,

You may be aware that *rabies* remains a major public health concern in India, primarily due to dog-mediated transmission. It is **100% fatal**, but also **almost 100% preventable** with timely administration of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) immediately after an animal bite.

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Medical Colleges play a pivotal role in ensuring **timely case management, surveillance, training, and community awareness**. Accordingly, it is requested that an **advisory to all Medical Colleges (Govt. & Private) under NMC** may kindly be issued to undertake the following key activities under NRCP:

1. **Periodic Training of Medical Staff:** Conduct regular and structured training sessions for Junior Residents, Senior Residents, and Students on animal bite/dog bite management and rabies PEP as per the latest national guidelines.

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Your kind support in facilitating issuance of the above advisory will greatly strengthen national efforts towards the elimination of rabies by 2030.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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National Rabies Control Program  
ANIMAL BITE EXPOSURE REGISTER

Name of the Health Facility:

Address & Contact Details

Health Facility Code:

Type of Health Facility:

Reporting Month

Year

Any Clustering of cases Observed: if yes write the details

Registration		Type of Patient (New/OLD)	Patient Detail						Exposure History	Exposure details		Post Exposure Prophylaxis			Previous History of ARV Vaccination (Complete/partial/NA)	Biting Animal Status after 10 days (Dead/ Alive/ Not traceable)	Remarks (Dose no/ PEP status complete/ incomplete)
S/No	Date		Name	Age	Sex (M/ F/ Other)	Residentially Address	Date of Bite	Site of Bite on Body: (Extremities s/ Trunk/Head- Neck Face/ Back)	Biting Animal Species - dog/ cat/ monkey / others-specify (Stray Dog / Pet Dog)	Category of Bite (I/II/III)	Address where bite incident took place	Adequate Washing of Bite wound Done (Y/N)	Rabies Immunoglobulin Given (Y/N)	ARV Route ID/IM			

**Category I:** Touching or feeding of animals; Licks on intact skin; Contact of intact skin with secretions / excretions of rabid animal / human case, **Category II:** Nibbling of uncovered skin; Minor scratches or abrasions without bleeding, **Category III:** Single or multiple transdermal bites or scratches, licks on broken skin; Contamination of mucous membrane with saliva (i.e. licks)

\*To be maintained by Health facility providing treatment to animal bite cases Summary

Indicator	Old Cases	New cases		Total
Total Number of Patients attended				
Category wise Number of patients	Cat I	Cat II	Cat III	

Indicator	IM	ID
Route of ARV Administration		
Total Number of Cat III patients receivingARS		



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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of India



Line List of Suspected/ Probable/ Confirmed Rabies Cases/ Deaths\*

Date:

Name of the Health Facility/Block/District/State:  
Address of the Hospital  
Name & Designation of Nodal Person  
Contact Number:

Type of Health Facility/Block/District/State:

Email ID:

S.No	Name	Age	Sex	Contact Number	Village	Sub District/ Taluk/Block/ Mandal	District	Biting Animal	Suspected / probable/ Confirmed	Address of place where bite incidence took place	Category of Bite	Status of PEP(Complete/ Partial/ Nil/NA)	Name of the health facility reported Rabies case	Outcome of patient (Death in Hospital/ LAMA/ Alive)	Bite from Stray Dog/ Pet Dog	Mobile Number	Date

To be reported by Health facilities to District Nodal Officer, State Nodal Officer & National Program Division (Delhi) [atnrcp.ncdc@gmail.com](mailto:atnrcp.ncdc@gmail.com) every month before 5<sup>th</sup> day



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S.No	Name	Age	Sex	Contact Number	Village	Sub District/ Taluk/Block/ Mandal	District	Date of Animal Biting	Suspected / probable/ Confirmed	Address of place where bite incidence took place	Category of Bite	Status of PEP (Complete/ Partial/ Nil/NA)	Name of the health facility reported Rabies case	Outcome of patient (Death in Hospital/ LAMA/ Alive)	Bite from Stray Dog/ Pet Dog/Pet Cat/Stray Cat	Mobile Number	Date

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