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Good afternoon!



TRAVEL MEDICINE



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Recommendations for “off label” use:

Antibiotics for traveler's diarrhea

Assessment

- Departure date
- Itinerary
- Length of stay
- Purpose of travel
- Form of travel
- Vaccination history
- Travel history
- Medical problems
- PPD status
- Pregnancy risk
- Medications
- Allergies
- Family history?

Preparation

- Examinations
 - medical
 - dental
 - gynecologic
 - ophthalmologic
 - psychiatric





Preparation

- Medications
 - routine, prn, travel
 - controlled Rx: carry pharmacy bottles/letter from MD
- Contraception
- Glasses or contacts
- Essential medical data
- Medical referral?
- Medical & evacuation insurance?



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Education

- Food & water
- Diarrhea
- Local customs
- Travel issues
- Fauna & flora (esp., arthropods)
- Environmental issues

Fatalities, US travelers (1975-1984)

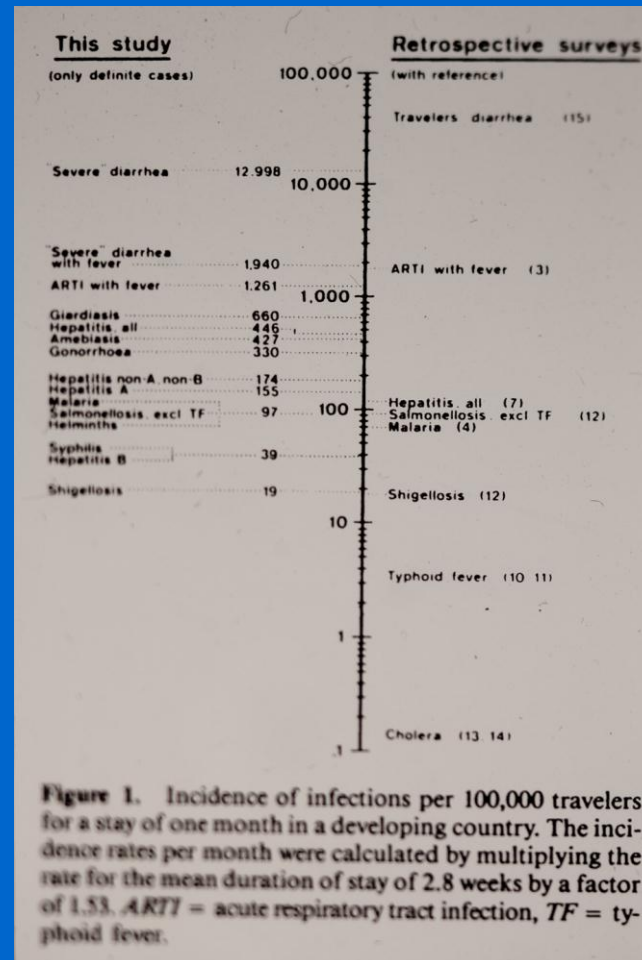
- Cardiovascular disease 50%
- Injury (1/3 in MVA) 22%
- Infection 1%



Peace Corps Fatalities (1984-2003)

- Injuries (total) 57 (86%)
 - Unintentional (~ 1/2 MVA) 45
 - Homicide 11
 - Suicide 1
- Illness (total) 9 (14%)
 - Heart disease 5
 - Cancer 2
 - Infection 2

Infections in Travelers



Infections in Travelers

Table 5. Relevant infections in 7,886 short-term visitors to developing countries.

Illness	Diagnosis of illness in travelers to developing countries	
	Definite	Possible
Malaria	5	7
Hepatitis (all)	23	4
Hepatitis A	8	—
Hepatitis B	2*	—
Hepatitis, non-A, non-B	9	—
Hepatitis, unclassified	4	4
Giardiasis	34	4
Amebiasis	22	8
Helminthsiasis	5	2
Paratyphoid B	1	—
Salmonellosis, other	5	1
Shigellosis	1	—
Gonorrhoea	17†	6†
Syphilis	2	—

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Food & Water

“If it isn’t boiled, peeled, or cooked, forget it!”

Water



- Drink only:
 - Bottled water
 - Carbonated beverages
 - Tea/coffee
 - Wine/beer
- Purification systems
 - chemical treatment
 - filtration

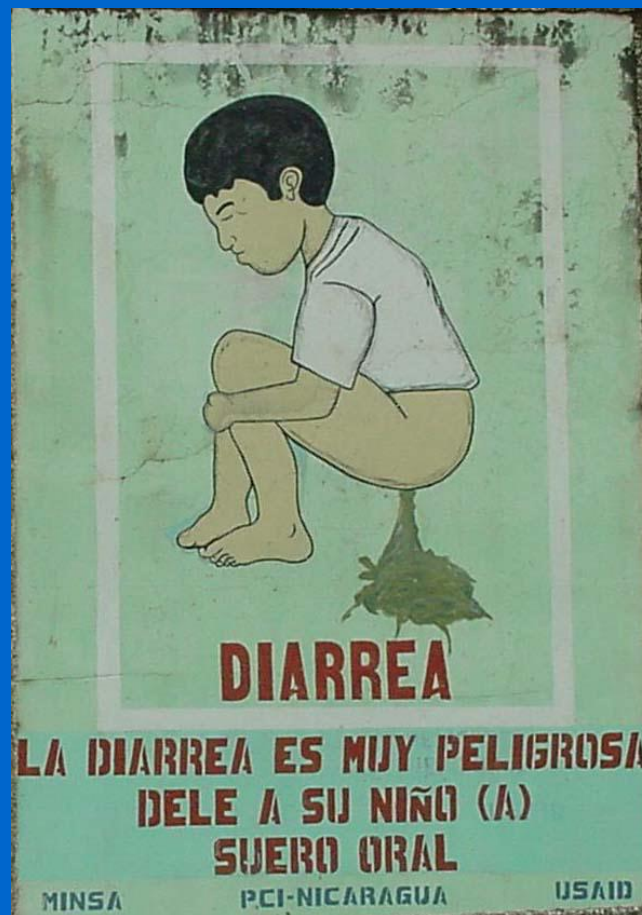
Beware the ice cube!

Food



- All food should be cooked thoroughly and hot when served.
- Beware salads, fruit, and milk products.
- *Do not confuse price with safety!*

Diarrhea



Diarrhea

- Loose stool is not diarrhea.
- It may be inevitable.
- Food/water precautions are the best defense.
- Prophylaxis vs. treatment:
 - Oral rehydration formula
 - Antibiotics
- *MD for high fever, blood or mucus in stool*

Traveler's Diarrhea: pathogens

- *E. coli* (ETEC, et al.)
- *Shigella* spp.
- *Campylobacter*
- *Salmonella* spp.
- *Vibrio* spp.
- *S. aureus*
- *B. cereus*
- *C. perfringens*
- *E. histolytica*
- *G. lamblia*
- *C. cayetanensis*
- *Cryptosporidium*
- Rotavirus
- Tropical sprue

Oral Rehydration Formula

WHO “recipe”: Prepare two separate glasses:

<u>Glass #1:</u>	fruit juice (rich in K ⁺)	8 oz.
	honey or corn syrup (glucose)	½ tsp.
	table salt	1 pinch
<u>Glass #2:</u>	clean water	8 oz.
	baking soda (bicarbonate)	¼ tsp.

Drink alternately from each glass until thirst is quenched.

Supplement as needed with additional clean water.

Agents for Traveler's Diarrhea

	<u>Prophylaxis</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
BSS	524 mg qid	524 mg every 30 <i>minutes</i> x 5 doses
levofloxacin	500 mg qd	500 mg qd x 1-3d
azithromycin		1000 mg x 1 dose 500 mg qd x 3d
rifaximin	200 mg qd?	200 mg tid x 3d 400 mg bid x 3d

Insects



Insects

- It is better not to be bitten!
 - Barriers: clothing, netting, & screens
 - Repellants: DEET & permethrin
 - Insecticides
 - Air conditioning

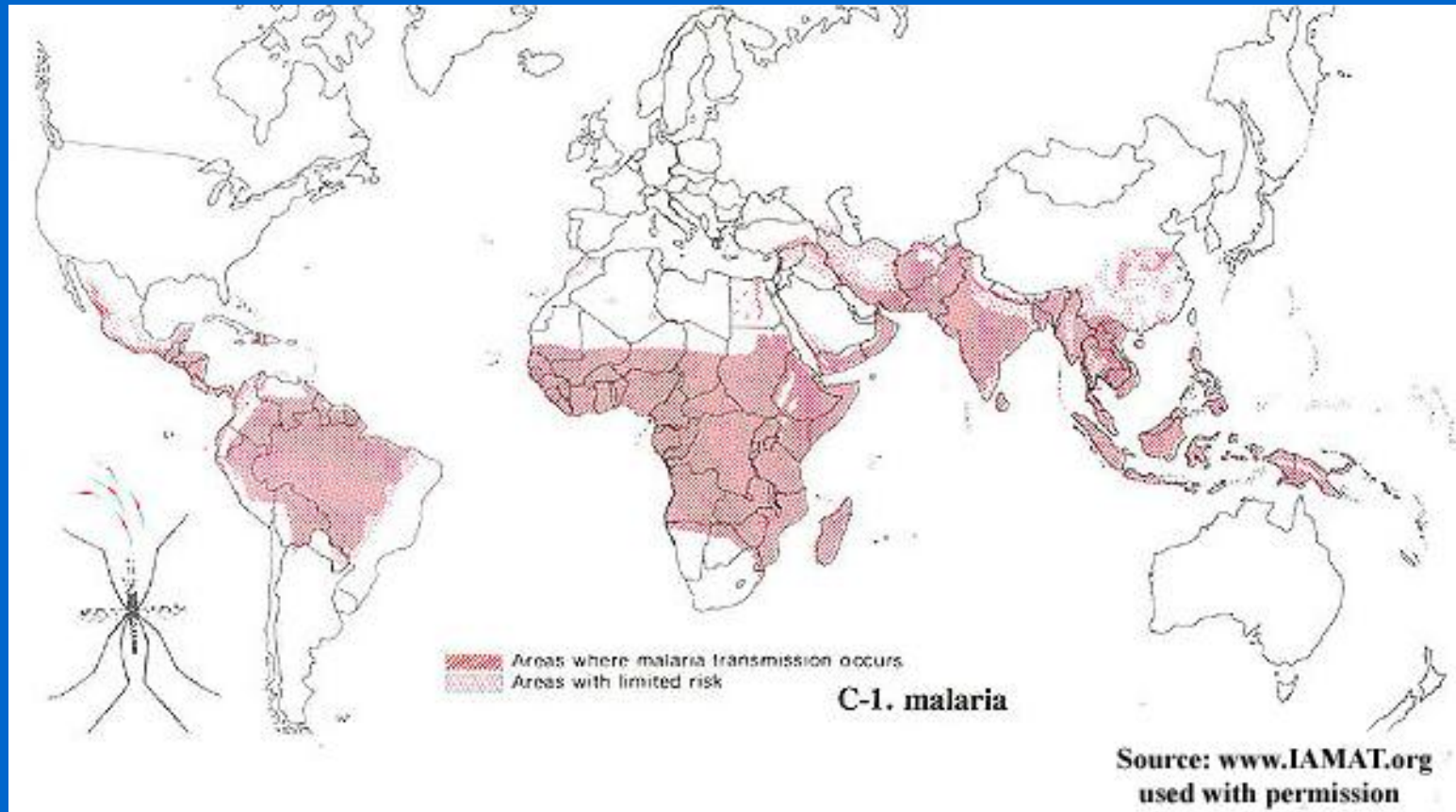


Repellents: Duration of Activity

Product	Active Ingredient	Protection Time (minutes)
OFF! Deep Woods	DEET 23.8%	301.5 +/- 37.6
OFF! Skintastic	DEET 6.65%	112.4 +/- 20.3
OFF! Skintastic for Kids	DEET 4.75%	88.4 +/- 21.4
Natrapel	Citronella 10%	19.7 +/- 10.6
Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard	Citronella 0.1%	10.3 +/- 7.9
Repella Wrist Band	DEET 9.5%	0.3 +/- 0.2

Modified from: Fradin and Day, NEJM 2002;347:13-18

Malaria



Chloroquine-sensitive Malaria

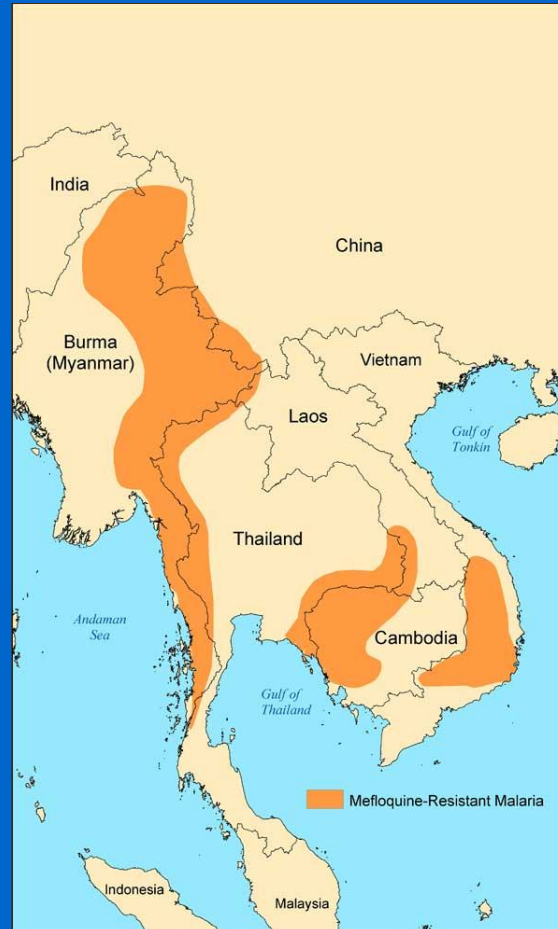


- Hispaniola
- Middle East
- Central America
(north of Panama Canal)
- Córdoba province
(Argentina)

Malaria Prophylaxis

- Chloroquine-resistant *P. falciparum* (or *vivax*?)
 - mefloquine 250 mg po q week
 - doxycycline 100 mg po qd
 - atovaquone/proguanil (250 mg/100 mg) one tab po qd
 - primaquine 0.5 mg/kg base po qd
- Other areas
 - chloroquine 500 mg po q week
- *Consider primaquine on return*

Mefloquine-resistant *P. falciparum*



Environmental Issues

Not all travelers are aware of the risks:

- Sun: protective clothing & creams
- Heat: self-restraint & fluids
- Cold: protective clothing
- Air pollution: self-restraint & medication
- Altitude: acclimatization +/- treatment
(acetazolamide or dexamethasone)

Local Customs

- Diet
- Dress code
- Religious beliefs
- Politics
- Sex
- Drugs & alcohol
- Medical care



Local Fauna



- Bites
 - pets and feral
- Envenomations
 - Hymenoptera
 - snakes and scorpions
- Invasive parasites
 - *Strongyloides*, hookworm, and CLM
 - *Schistosoma*

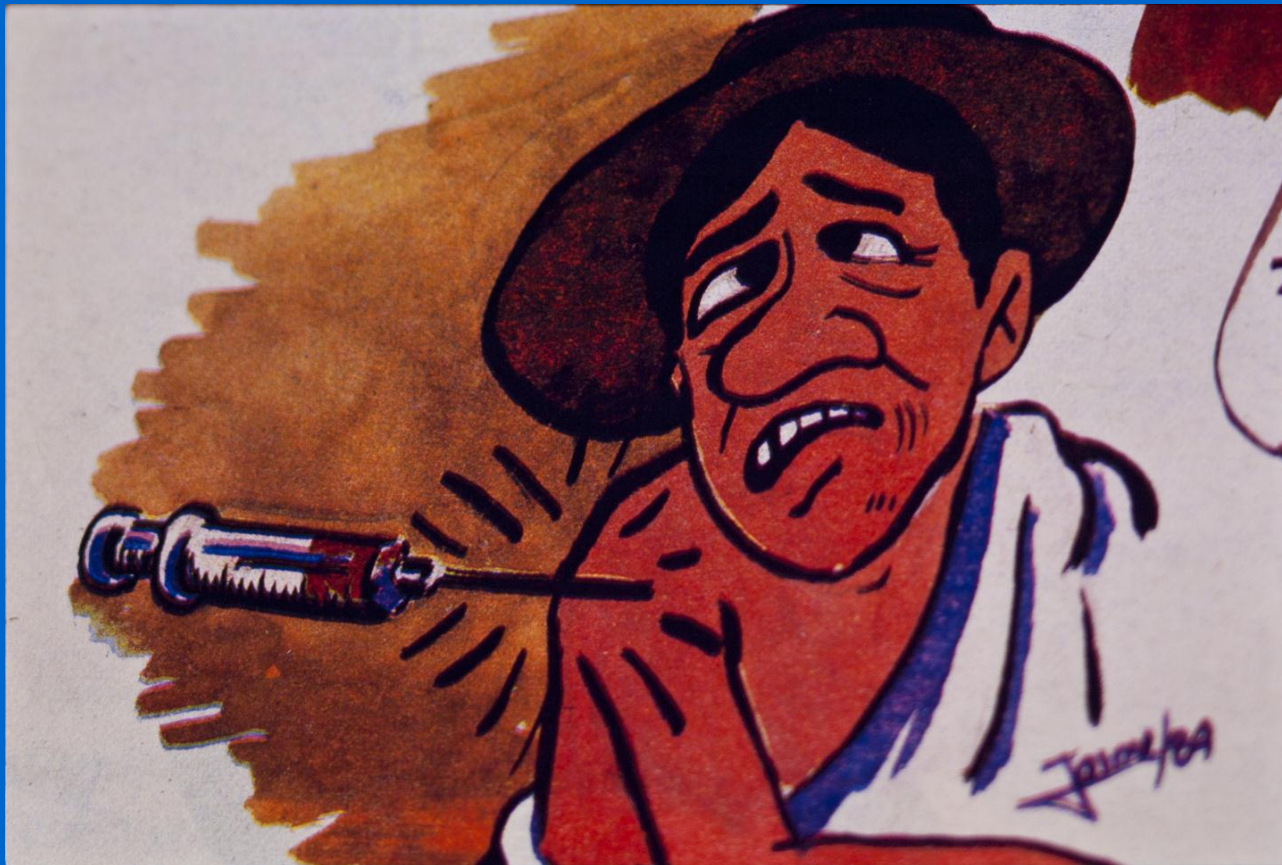


Travel Issues

- Jet lag
 - fluids
 - avoid alcohol/caffeine
 - melatonin?
- Deep Venous Thrombosis
- Adjustment of medications



Immunization

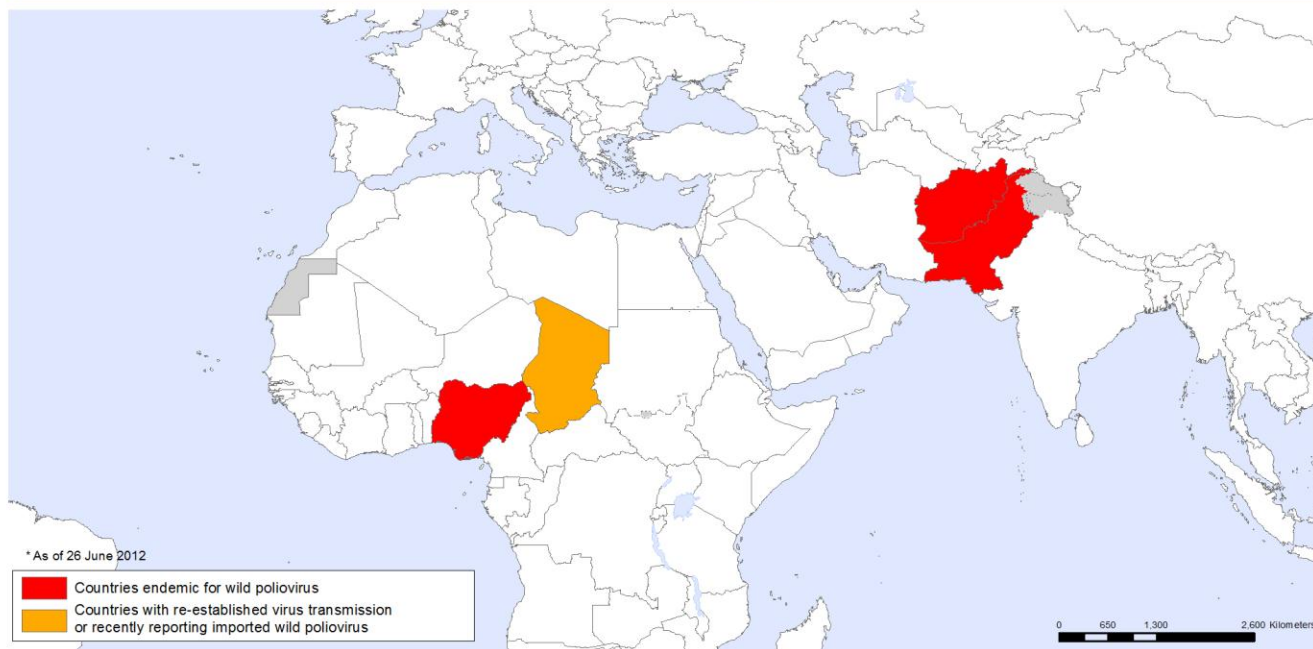


Immunization: all patients

- Tetanus & diphtheria (Td, Tdap)
 - primary series?
 - booster every 10 years
 - Tdap once, age 19-64 (≥ 2 yrs after last Td)
 - otherwise, Td
- Poliomyelitis (TOPV, IPV)
 - Africa, South Asia, Indonesia?, Arabian peninsula?
 - primary series?
 - one time booster

Polio

Polio infected countries for which WHO recommends Polio immunization or boosting to travellers*



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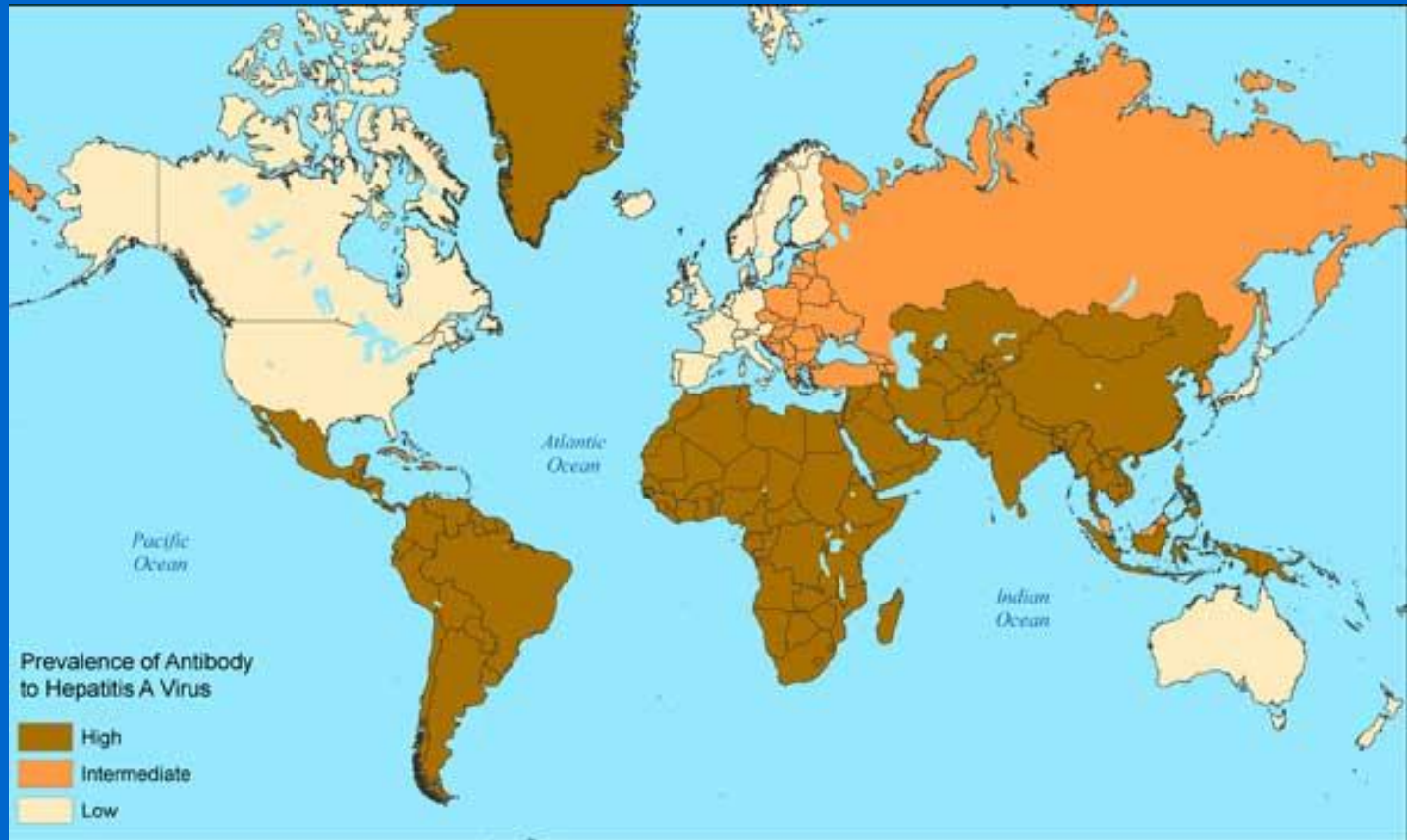
Immunization: all patients

- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
 - natural immunity?
 - born before 1957 (*not HCWs*)
 - positive serology
 - history of physician-diagnosed measles (*not HCWs*)
 - primary vaccination?
 - 2 doses after 12 months of age, > 28 days apart
 - booster
 - killed measles vaccine (USA 1963-1967)
 - live vaccine (Edmonston B strain, USA 1963-1975)
 - primary vaccination 6-11 months of age
 - travel or risk of exposure (outbreak, HCWs)

Immunization: some patients

- Pneumococcus:
 - High-risk patients (heart, lung, liver, kidneys, DM, smokers...)
 - PPSV23 once at age < 65 yrs.
 - Highest risk patients (immunocompromise, asplenia, CSF leak, cochlear implant):
 - Naïve: PCV13; then PPSV23 > 8 wks. Later; then booster in 5 yrs.
 - Prior PPSV23: PCV13 > 1 yr. after last PPSV23; 5 yr booster as above
 - PPSV23 for all at age 65; ≥ 5 yr interval if prior PPSV23
- Influenza: season, destination
- Hepatitis B: destination, occupation, behavior
 - primary?
 - booster: 1-3 doses per titer
- *H. influenzae* (Hib)?

Hepatitis A

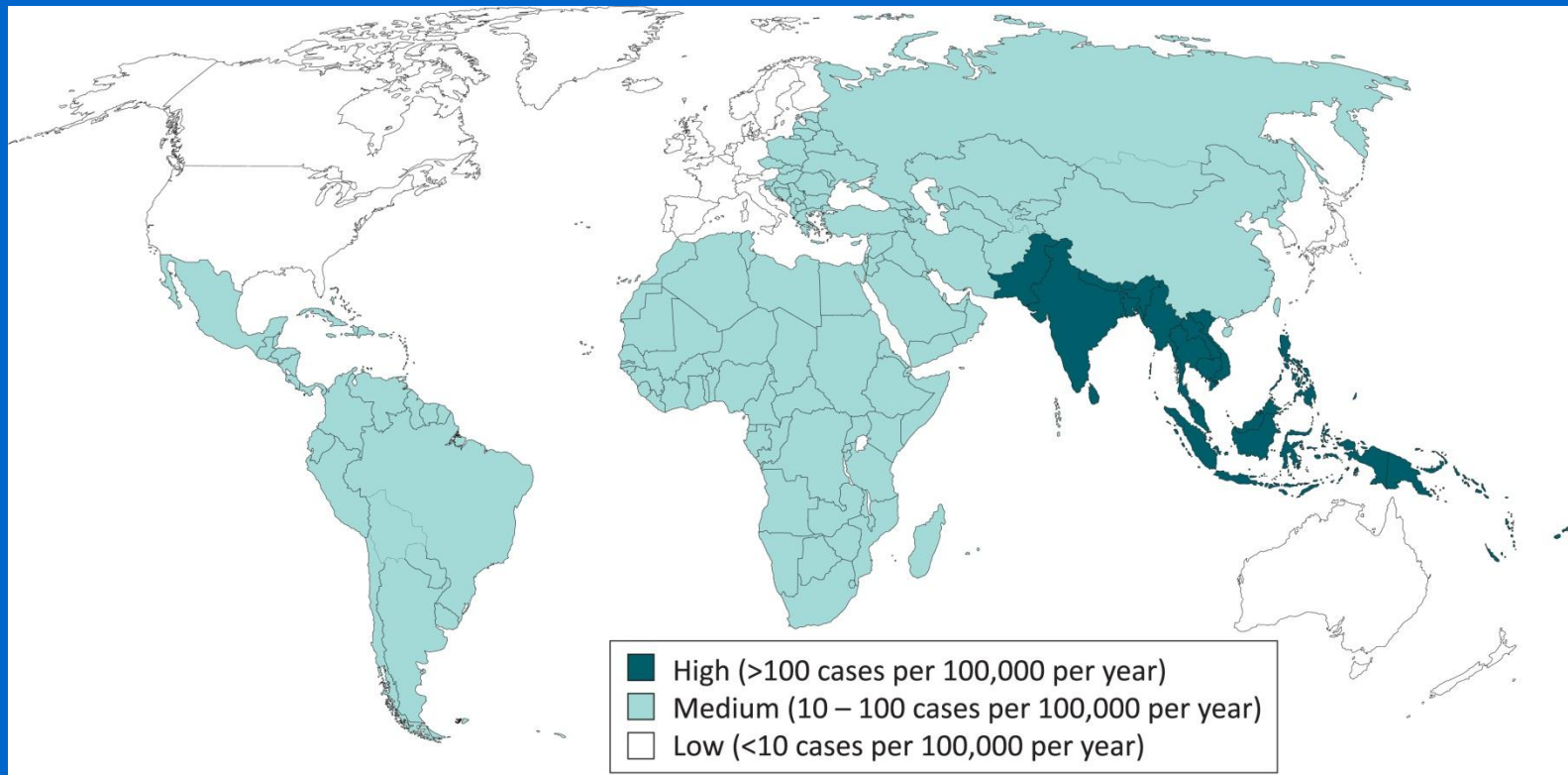


Immunization: some destinations

Hepatitis A

- Immune globulin
 - immediate protection
 - protects up to 5 months
- Vaccines (Havrix[®], VAQTA[®], ...plus Twinrix[®])
 - inactivated virus
 - 1st dose: at least 2 weeks before departure
 - 2nd dose: 6-12 months after first dose
 - Twinrix[®]: requires 3 doses (0, 1, 6 months)
 - duration of immunity?

Typhoid



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Immunization: some destinations

Typhoid

- Indications for vaccination:
 - travel over 3 weeks in an endemic area
 - “adventuresome eaters”
 - unusual itineraries

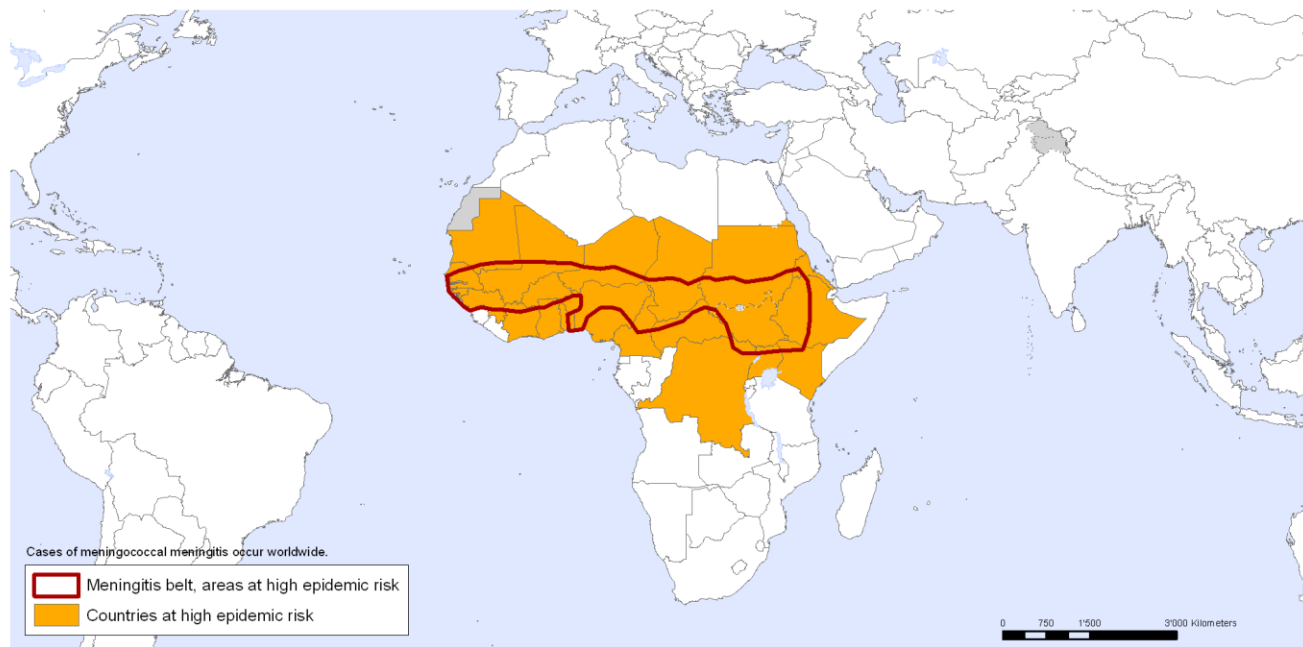
Caution is better than immunization!

Immunization: some destinations

- Oral typhoid vaccine: Ty21a
 - live-attenuated bacteria
 - not for children < 6 yrs., immunocompromised
 - 50-80% efficacy in endemic areas
 - no concurrent antibiotics or proguanil; Malarone?, mefloquine?
 - booster every 5 yrs.
- Parenteral typhoid vaccines: Typhim Vi
 - killed vaccine
 - Typhim Vi efficacy 55-74% in endemic areas
 - Typhim Vi not for children < 2 years of age
 - booster every 2 yrs. (US), 2-3 yrs. (WHO)

“Meningitis belt”

Meningococcal meningitis, countries or areas at high risk, 2011



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Immunization: some destinations

Meningococcal vaccination

- Only for serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y in USA
- inactivated-bacteria vaccines
 - MCV
 - Hib-MenCY-TT: age 2-18 months; 4 dose series
 - MenACWY: age 9 months-55 yrs.; 1-2 dose series per indication
 - MPSV4
 - Approved for age ≥ 2 yrs.
 - Only vaccine licensed for age ≥ 56 yrs.

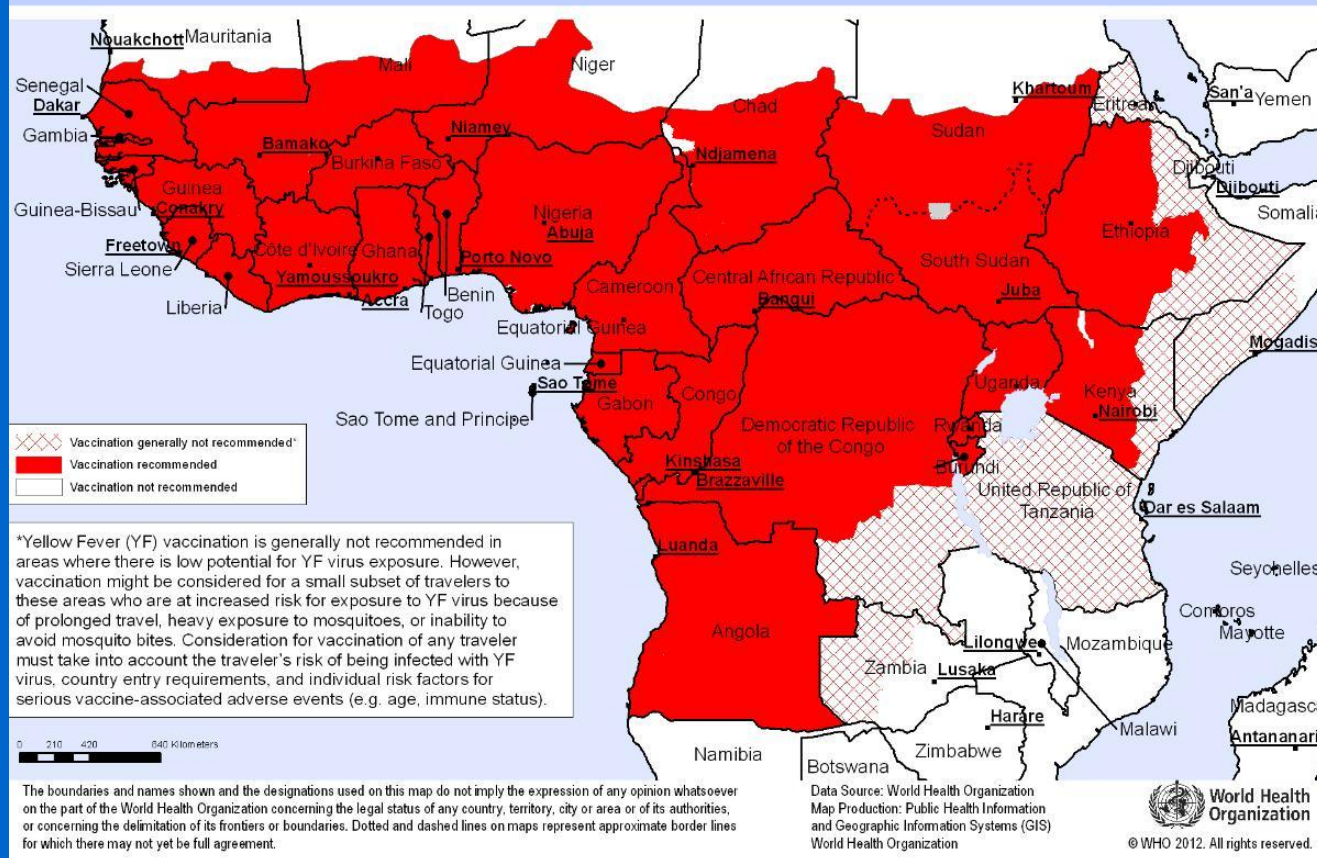
Immunization: some destinations

Meningococcal vaccination

- Target populations
 - Adolescents: 11-12 yrs.; booster at 16 yrs.
 - High risk:
 - complement deficiency: 2 doses; boost every 5 yrs.
 - Asplenia: 2 doses; boost every 5 yrs.
 - Micro lab: 1 dose; boost every 5 yrs.
 - Travel:
 - Recommended for Sahel, dry season (December-June): 1 dose; boost every 5 yrs.
 - Required by Saudi Arabia for pilgrims (Hajj); dose within 3 yrs.
 - Children who received Hib-MenCY-TT should be given MCV4
 - Outbreaks

Yellow fever

Yellow Fever Vaccination Recommendations in Africa, 2011



Yellow fever



Immunization: some destinations

Yellow fever

- attenuated, live-virus vaccine, efficacy $\approx 100\%$
- available only from licensed centers
- single dose ≥ 10 days before departure
- booster every 10 years
- side effects generally mild

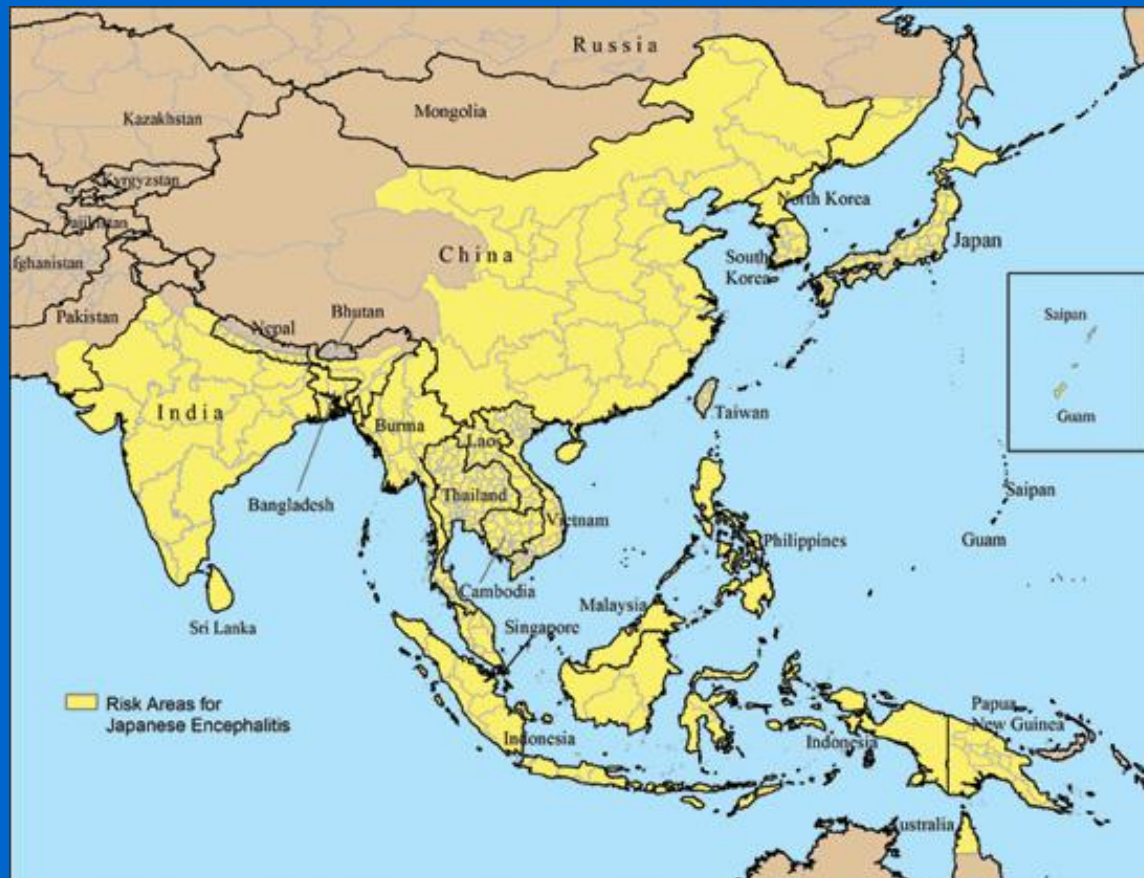
Immunization: some destinations

- Precautions, yellow fever vaccine
 - age \geq 60
 - pregnancy or breastfeeding
 - HIV with moderate immunosuppression
- Contraindications, yellow fever vaccine
 - severe egg allergy
 - severe immunocompromise
 - primary immunodeficiencies
 - transplantation
 - advanced HIV/AIDS
 - thymus disorders with abnormal immunity
 - medications (high dose steroids, TNF- α , IL-1, etc...)

Immunization: some destinations

- Yellow fever vaccine
 - *the only internationally regulated immunization*
 - CDC-recommended for countries with active transmission and for countries with endemic risk
 - may be required for travel from one country with risk into another country with risk (includes transit)
 - Medical waivers can be given, ...but may not be honored

Japanese encephalitis



Immunization: some destinations

Japanese encephalitis: vaccine indications

- ongoing outbreak
- prolonged stay or frequent short stays in rural, agricultural areas of countries at risk
- extensive outdoor exposure in countries at risk
- seasonal risk (“wet season”)
- long-term expatriates

Risk extremely low for stays < 30 days, urban only

Japanese encephalitis: vaccines

JE-MB: inactivated vaccine

- Age \geq 1 year
- Primary: 1.0 ml SC days 0, 7, & 30 (> 10 days before travel)
- Booster: every 2 years?
- Two doses \rightarrow immunity in \sim 80%
- Frequent side effects, some severe
 - systemic side effects in 10%
 - Urticaria/angioedema in 1/260
- Pregnancy category C
- Limited availability since 2006: call Sanofi

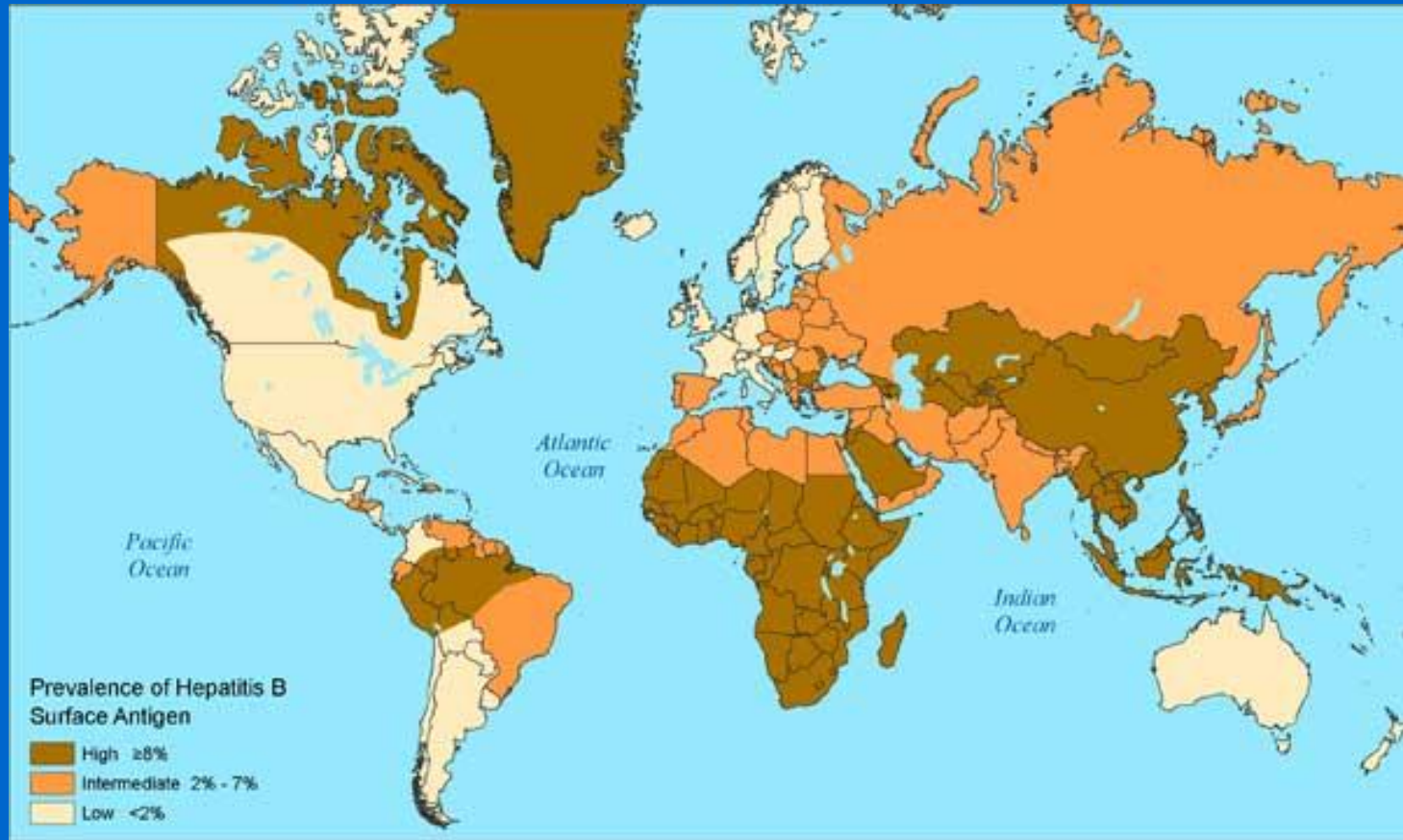
Observe 30 minutes after dose.

Defer travel to remote areas for \geq 10 days.

JE-VC: inactivated vaccine

- Age \geq 17 years
- Primary: 0.5 ml IM days 0 & 28
- Booster: every 2 yrs???
- Fewer severe local side effects, systemic adverse events generally mild
- Pregnancy category B

Hepatitis B



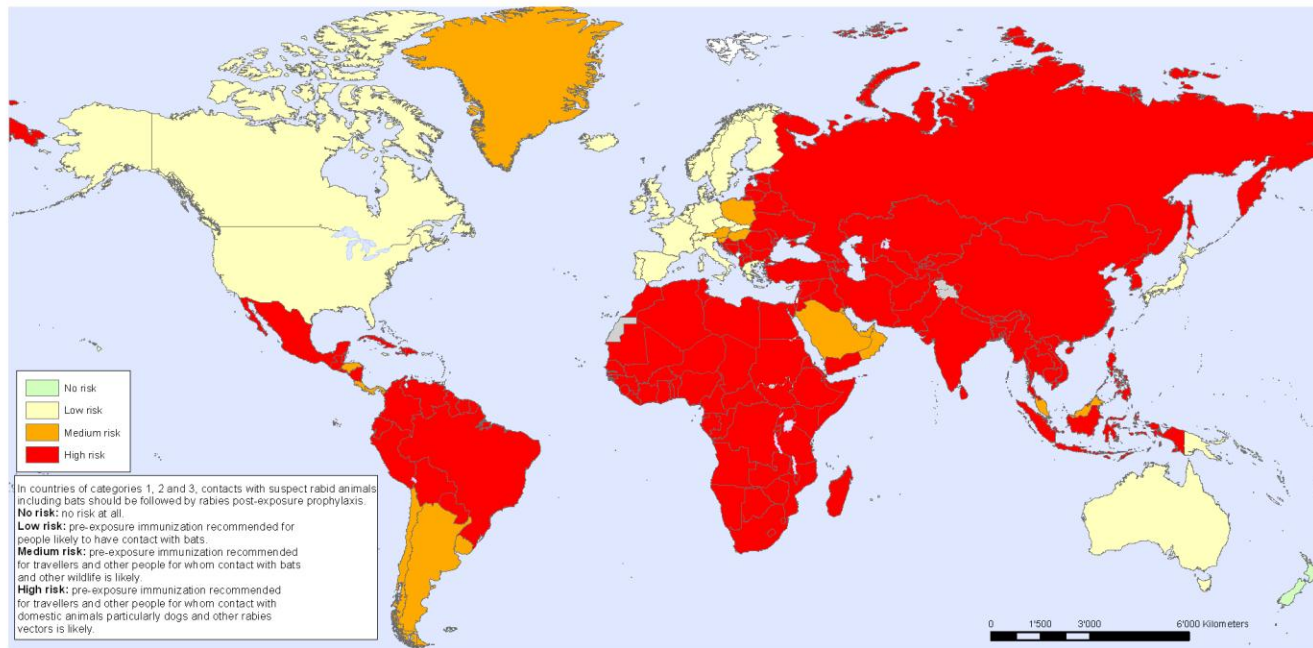
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Immunization: some destinations, plans

- Several vaccines on the market (plus Twinrix[®])
- Inactivated viral antigen vaccines
- Primary series in adults: 0, 1, 6 months
 - ...but two doses are good (~80%)
- Need for booster doses is unclear
- Yeast hypersensitivity is a contraindication

Rabies

Rabies, countries or areas at risk



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Immunization: some plans

Rabies

- Vaccines: HDCV, PCEC
- For risk of animal contact in enzootic areas or persons with occupational risk anywhere
- Considerations
 - destination
 - activities
 - length of stay
 - age
 - availability of postexposure care

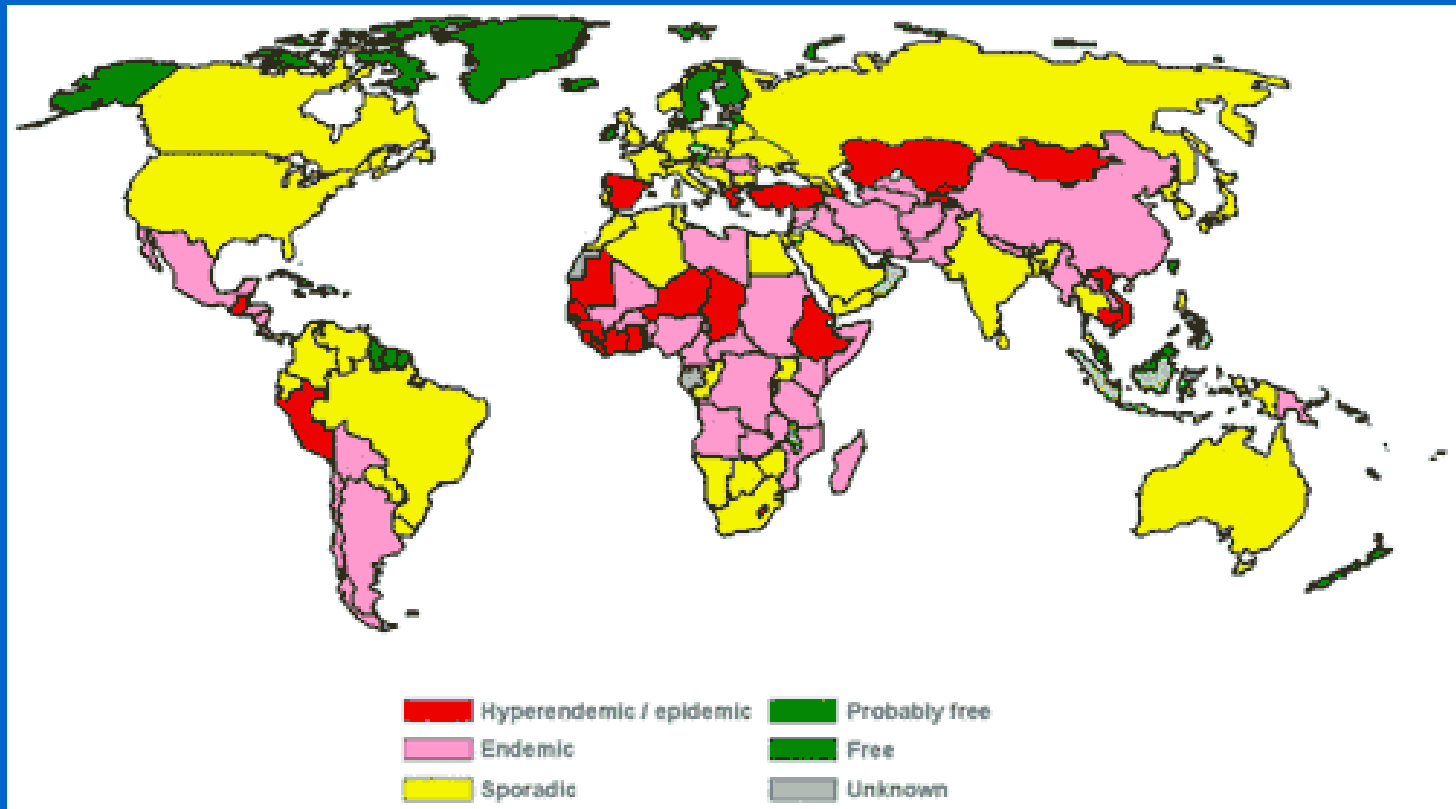
Immunization: some plans

- Rabies: inactivated-virus, cell culture vaccines
- Primary: IM days 0, 7, 21-28
- Booster: single dose prn low Ab titer
 - frequent exposure: every 2 years
 - continuous exposure: every 6 months
- Precautions
 - Immunosuppressives & antimalarials can diminish immune response
 - HDCV: contains neomycin, may cause serum sickness
 - PCEC: contains ovalbumin, neomycin, chlortetracycline

Immunization: some plans

- Rabies
 - ID vaccine is no longer recommended (USA)
 - slightly less immunogenic in general
 - less immunogenic in immunocompromised
 - chloroquine may weaken immune response
 - very poor response if given SC

Anthrax



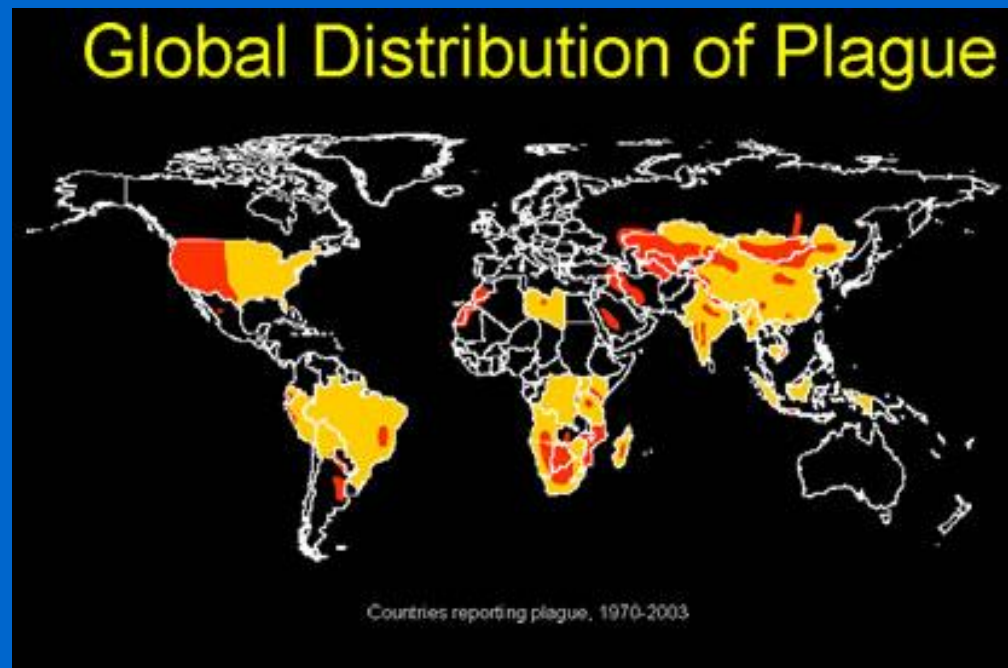
Immunization: some plans

Anthrax

- Biothrax[®]: cell-free filtrate of bacterial culture
- Indications: work with animals or in areas with enzootic anthrax, lab workers, military
- Primary series: dose at 0, 4 weeks
- Boosters: doses at 6, 12, 18 months, then annually?
- Efficacy 92 % (cutaneous & inhalational anthrax)

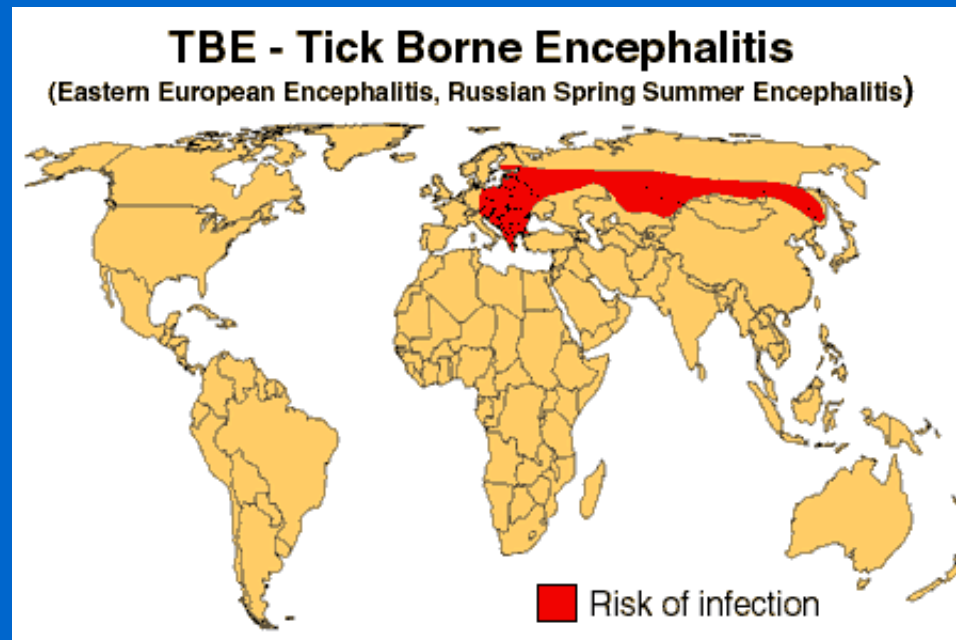
Immunization: some plans

- Plague (S. E. Asia, epidemic areas)
 - vaccination vs. prophylaxis?



Immunization: some plans

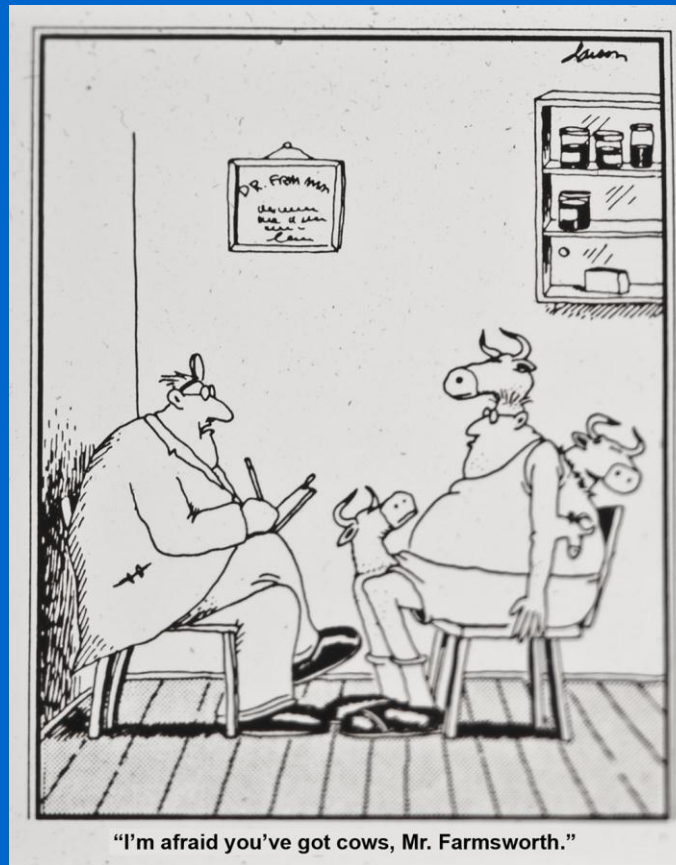
- Tick-borne encephalitis
 - immune globulin or vaccine (not in USA)



Immunization?

- Cholera (Dukoral)
 - available overseas
 - recombinant cholera toxin B subunit
 - cholera: 85% protection for ~ 6 months
 - ETEC: 50% protection for < 3 months
- BCG

After return



After return

- If ill, see a doctor with experience in travel medicine.
- If well, after 1-2 months consider:
 - CBC with differential
 - Stool for O & P (3)
 - PPD (if negative pre-travel)

