




Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

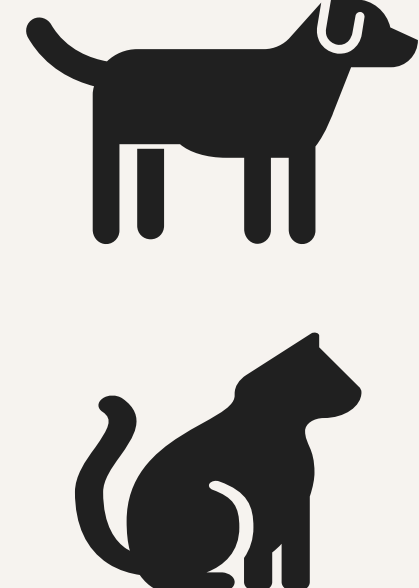


Before You Administer Rabies PEP Ask/Know:

If The Victim Was Bitten/Exposed To A Wild Animal (Except Rodents)*

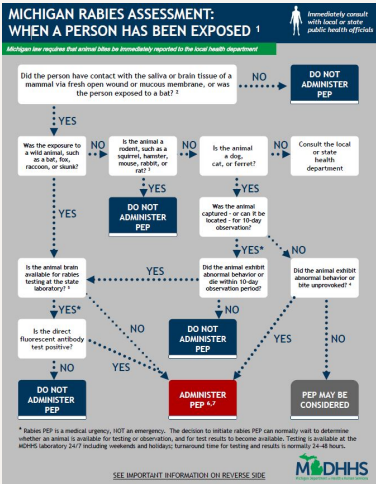
What to Ask	Action to Take	
 Is the animal available for rabies testing?		
	If “Yes” WAIT to Initiate PEP until test results are available	If “No” Initiate PEP

*Small rodents are rarely infected with rabies (woodchucks are the exception).

If The Victim Was Bitten By A Dog, Cat, or Ferret:

What to Ask	Action to Take	
 Is the animal available for a 10-day observation period?		
	If “Yes,” WAIT to Initiate PEP for animal to complete 10-day observation period	If “No,” Please refer to the <u>Michigan Rabies Assessment Flowchart</u>

i Reporting and Questions About Unusual Circumstances



Report any animal bites or exposures where rabies is suspected to your local health department

For questions about an animal exposure, please consult with your local health department at or call

517-335-8165

<http://www.michigan.gov/rabies>

Hospital fees to initiate RPEP can exceed \$10,000!



Waiting a few days to begin treatment can prevent unnecessary patient discomfort and expense!