Focus on Travel Health for Practice Nurses

Do you need evidence based information? Do you need help finding good quality information for patients? Are you looking for a journal article? or Would you like to learn how to search for information? The Library & Knowledge Service can help you....

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At this time of year many patients will be looking for travel advice. We have put together an information sheet with evidence based resources which you may find useful.

Travel Immunisations

National Travel Health Network and Centre – provides travel health information for each country of the world
http://www.nathnac.org/pro/index.htm

Advice line for health professionals
Telephone: +44 (0)845 602 6712 (local call rate)
Monday to Friday: 08.30 - 11.45
13.00 - 15.15
(closed on Bank Holidays)

Immunisation Against Infectious Disease: the green book

Clinical Knowledge Summary – Immunizations – travel, August 2012
http://cks.nice.org.uk/immunizations-travel#azTab

Malaria Advice

HPA Malaria Reference Laboratory
Guidelines for malaria prevention in travellers from the UK
www.malaria-reference.co.uk

Guidance for Health Professionals

Travel health nursing:
career and competence development
RCN guidance, 2012

Focus on Travel Immunisations –guidance for GPs
BMA, 2012
TRFT Library & Knowledge Service
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Information resources for patients

Travel Health information
NHS Choices
http://www.nhs.uk/LiveWell/TravelHealth/Pages/Travelhealthhome.aspx

Travel Vaccination Information
http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations.aspx

Accessing Healthcare Abroad
http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/Pages/Healthcareabroad.aspx

Foreign Travel Advice
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

Example of Articles for Health Professionals

Is this patient fit to travel? Gawthrop, M. in Practice Nurse, Apr 2010, vol. 39, no. 7, p. 35-39, 0953-6612 (April 9, 2010). The role for practice nurses in increasing awareness of travel risks for people with pre-existing illness and advising on changes or cancellation of travel plans when risks are too great. Preparations for travel including risk assessments, insurance and information on travelling with a medical condition are described. Particular risks and limitations associated with malaria and infectious diseases are discussed. Available from EBSCOhost in Practice Nurse


Travel health update. Chiodini, Jane in Practice Nurse, Feb 2012, vol. 42, no. 3, p. 30., 0953-6612 (February 24, 2012) Guidance for general practice concerning charges for travel vaccines. Immunisations which must be given as part of NHS provision, that which cannot and vaccines which can either be an NHS or a private service are described. Available from EBSCOhost in Practice Nurse

Above are some examples of articles available on travel health. To access the articles you will need to register for an Athens username and password at https://register.athensams.net/nhs/nhseng/ or contact us for the full text or a comprehensive literature search.