

# DRAPERSTOWN SURGERY

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## Travel Vaccines and Malaria Prevention

Due to NHS pressures and ever changing immunisation schedules, from 1<sup>st</sup> March the practice will no longer deal with requests for travel vaccines and malaria prevention. For improved patient safety and better holistic care, we feel this service is best delivered by a specialist travel clinic.

We strongly advise you to check your requirements at least three months before travel (see local providers below), to ensure optimal immunity. It is your responsibility to ascertain which vaccinations (and, if relevant, anti-malaria tablets) you need, and also to inform yourself fully of recommended safe travel precautions.

Draperstown Surgery is able to prescribe and administer the following vaccinations on the NHS:

- **Diphtheria, tetanus & polio** (combined)
- **Hepatitis A and/or typhoid** (separate or combined)
- **Cholera** (medication is also available on the NHS, but is not commonly required)

However all recommendations must come in writing from a recognised travel clinic.

The following common travel vaccines are not available on the NHS and cannot be administered by the practice (most travel clinics will be able to administer these):

- **Yellow fever**
- **Rabies**
- **Japanese encephalitis**
- **Hepatitis B**
- **Tick borne encephalitis**
- **Meningococcal**

Travel clinics will also be able to provide you with a private prescription for anti-malarial tablets if required.

### Local Travel Clinics

Dr Dick/Harper MP, Ballymena

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