



Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Assessment Algorithm

If the patient **bitten, scratched, or was there saliva in contact** from the animal to an open wound or mucous membranes, see table below. If not, Rabies PEP is not advised- exception for bats*

Type of animal	Rabies PEP- Yes or No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small rodent: squirrel, guinea pig, hamster, gerbil, chipmunk, rat, mouse • Lagomorph: rabbit, hare • Opossum 	<p>Rabies PEP is NOT advised</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs • Cats • Domestic ferrets 	<p>-If the animal's location is known- Rabies PEP is not advised. <i>Up to 72hrs delay between exposure and initiating PEP to find animal is acceptable.</i> Contact Kankakee County Animal Control. PEP should not be initiated unless animal develops rabies during the 10-day observation period.</p> <p>-If the animal's location is not known- contact the Kankakee County Health Department. Administer Rabies PEP for high risk animals: bat, skunk, raccoon, fox.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bats • Skunks • Foxes • Raccoons • Other wild carnivore 	<p>If the animal's location is known- Test for rabies. Rabies PEP is not indicated pending test results. <i>Up to 48hrs delay between exposure and initiating PEP to find animal is acceptable. If more delay is expected, initiate Rabies PEP.</i> <i>If Rabies test is positive- Rabies PEP is advised.</i> <i>If the Rabies test is negative- Rabies PEP is not advised.</i></p> <p><i>If the animal's location is not known</i> contact the Kankakee County Health Department. Administer Rabies PEP for high risk animals: bat, skunk, raccoon, fox.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm animals: Cows, sheep, pig, horse, goat • Exotic animal: tiger, bear, monkey 	<p>If the animal shows signs of rabies- Test for rabies. Rabies PEP is not indicated pending test results. <i>Up to 48hrs delay between exposure and initiating PEP to find animal is acceptable. If more delay is expected, initiate Rabies PEP.</i> <i>If Rabies test is positive- Rabies PEP is advised.</i> <i>If Rabies test is negative- rabies PEP is not advised.</i></p> <p>If the animal does not show signs of rabies- Contact Kankakee County Health Department. PEP should not be initiated unless animal develops rabies during the 30-day observation period.</p>

*Bats pose particular risks and rabies transmission has occurred in the absence of a recognized bite. Therefore, every effort should be made to capture and test the bat in the involved exposure incident. If the patient can provide adequate history that no direct exposure occurred, then no treatment necessary. If the patient is an unobserved child, or person who was asleep, intoxicated, or has a functional deficit PEP may be indicated.

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