

Appendix 7. PHU rabies virus and other lyssaviruses (including ABLV) follow-up checklist

Patient ID number: _____

1. If potential exposure to rabies or other lyssaviruses (incl. ABLV):

Contact the exposed person (or care-giver) to:

- Identify source and circumstances of potential exposure, including identification of bat species if possible
- Determine if any other persons or animals were exposed to same animal/bat
- Determine if animal/bat available for testing and arrange testing where appropriate – refer to the [Guidelines for testing bats involved in human exposures](#) on PopNet.
- Review exposed person's vaccination status and immune competence, and discuss need for post-exposure treatment (PET) and prophylaxis (PEP) and if they have a preferred doctor to manage provision of PET
- Confirm risk assessment with senior PHU staff, and determine required timeframe for commencing PEP using the [Principles of Post-Exposure Risk Assessments and Timelines](#) on PopNet
- Provide with [Rabies and ABLV Factsheet](#).

Contact exposed person's doctor to:

- Discuss need for PET, including wound management and provision of PEP
- Complete [Rabies virus and other lyssaviruses \(including ABLV\) post-exposure prophylaxis form](#)
- Arrange for timely delivery of vaccine and HRIG to doctor, as appropriate.

Other issues:

- Enter details of exposure, PET and animal testing onto NCIMS.

2. If human rabies or ABLV case:

Contact the patient's doctor to:

- Obtain patient's history
- Confirm results of relevant pathology tests
- Recommend that the tests be done if needed.

Contact the patient (or care-giver) to:

- Confirm onset date and symptoms of the illness
- Identify likely source of exposure including type of animal/bat and type of exposure
- Determine if any other persons/animals were exposed to same animal/bat
- Provide [Rabies and ABLV Factsheet](#).

Contact laboratory to:

- Obtain any outstanding results

Confirm case:

- Assess information against case definition

Other issues:

- Report details of case to state/territory communicable diseases branch and senior managers as appropriate
- Enter case data onto NCIMS