RABIES VACCINATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BAT-RELATED INCIDENTS

Did the patient come in contact ** with the bat?

- NO → Was bat found in room with patient?
  - NO → **No Rabies Vaccination needed**
  - YES → Was patient asleep, or an unobserved child or an incapacitated person?
    - NO → **No Rabies Vaccination needed**
    - YES → Was the bat submitted for rabies testing?
      - NO → Did the bat test negative for rabies?
        - NO → **Administer Post Exposure Prophylaxis**
        - YES → **No Rabies Vaccination needed**
      - YES → Did the bat test negative for rabies?
        - NO → **Administer Post Exposure Prophylaxis**
        - YES → **No Rabies Vaccination needed**
- YES → Was the bat submitted for rabies testing?
  - NO → **Administer Post Exposure Prophylaxis**
  - YES → Did the bat test negative for rabies?
    - NO → **Administer Post Exposure Prophylaxis**
    - YES → **No Rabies Vaccination needed**

Administer Post Exposure Prophylaxis:

Human Rabies Immune-Globulin on day 0 plus **4** doses of rabies vaccine on days 0,3,7,14

For Immunocompromised patient, Rabies Immune-Globulin on day 0 plus **5** doses on days 0,3,7,14 and 28

****contact is defined as touching a bat without any barrier, coming in contact with saliva or brain/nervous tissue, being bitten by the bat (bite not always visible)**

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