Wyoming Department of Health
Division of Community and Rural Health
Public Health Nursing

Clinical C-000100

Policy Title: Travel Immunization Clinics

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Authorized By:

State Health Officer

Chief Nurse Executive

## Purpose

Administer safe and effective immunizations and prophylaxis and offer education for the prevention of common illnesses and injuries for international travelers.

## Policy

1. Participation in International Travel Clinic
   a. All PHN International Travel Clinics will follow CDC Recommendation listed in the most current edition of the Yellow Book (Health Information for International Travel). The CDC "Traveler's Health" website www.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx which includes updated recommendations and requirements worldwide is also utilized.
   b. All PHN offices participating in International Travel Clinic must have local policies that are approved by the County Health Officer and State Staff Physician.
   c. All policies must be reviewed and updated when new versions the "Yellow Book" is published.
   d. A signed copy of new or updated policies will be forwarded to State Nursing Services (SNS).
   e. Vaccines not routinely given in all clinics, i.e., Japan Encephalitis and Malaria prophylaxis, should be referred to the patient's medical home.

2. Documentation for International Travel Clinic
   a. All policies for documentation in Immunization Clinics apply.

b. Use clinical pathway *International Travel 12/04* on every client to ensure that necessary immunizations, education and prophylaxis plans are covered and nursing documentation standards are met.

3. Education
   a. Nurses participating in International Travel Clinic must be familiar with current immunization standards and practice.
   b. Nurses participating in Travel Clinic may find it useful to watch the CDC "Vaccine for International Travel" updates when available. http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/broadcasts.htm#6

## References

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Health Information for International Travel 2008. Atlanta. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, 2007.

## Replaces

Travel Immunization Clinics and Information 4/2004.