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Rabies Manufacturer's Recall of Human Rabies Vaccine

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SUBJECT: Manufacturer's Recall of Human Rabies Vaccine

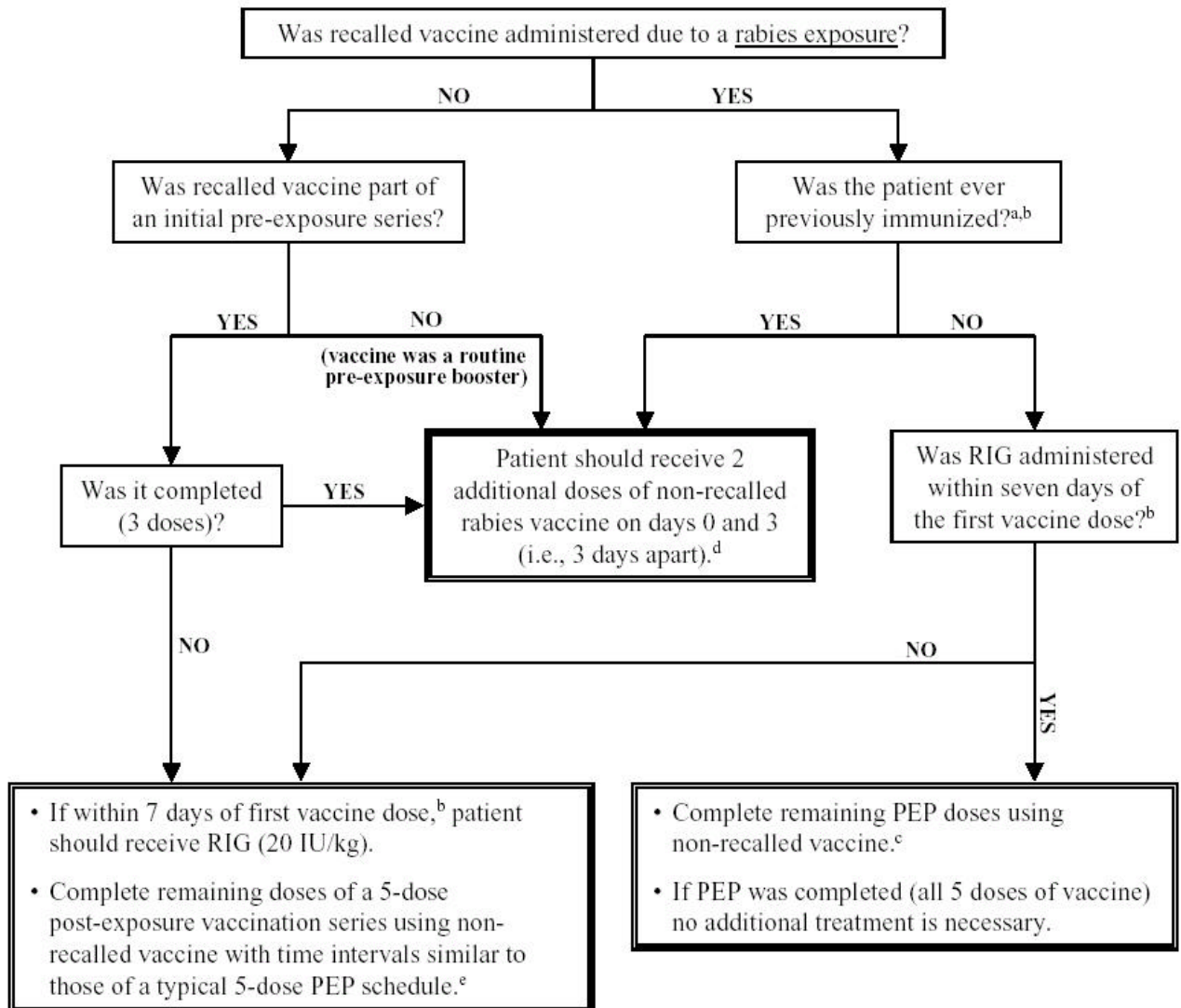
[This [Health Update](#) provides additional information on the manufacturer's recall of human rabies vaccine [Health Advisory issued on April 3, 2004.](#))]

The attached document is an algorithm for triage and disposition of persons who received Imovax rabies vaccine from 9/23/03 through 4/2/04 from vaccine lots X0667-2, X0667-3, W1419-2, and W1419-3. It was developed jointly by the New York State Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Questions should be directed to the Department of Health and Senior Services
24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 800-392-0272.**

Patient* Triage, Imovax Rabies Vaccine Recall, April 2, 2004

(*who received Imovax rabies vaccine from 9/23/03 through 4/2/04 from vaccine lots X0667-2, X0667-3, W1419-2, and W1419-3)



^a Previously immunized = 3 previous doses for pre-exposure or post-exposure.

^b Any vaccine regardless of whether that vaccine was in the recalled lots.

^c If PEP was discontinued because the animal was found to not have rabies, the patient should complete series using non-recalled vaccine (i.e., total of 5 doses of vaccine including any already given.)

^d If < 7 days since completion of 3 doses, the additional 2 doses should be given at days 7 and 21 after last previous dose.

^e Typical 5-dose PEP schedule = vaccine on days 0, 3, 7, 14, 28.