Medical response guide for working with rabies (SOP-05)

Anyone who works directly with rabies must go through a medical consult so that they are educated about the risk of rabies and the risk of not being vaccinated.

- Contact Ms. Kathryn Bryan (k1bryan@ucsd.edu) for a medical consult.
- In this laboratory you will not be allowed to use rabies for your research unless you are inoculated with the rabies vaccine – three injections spaced out over one month.
- Go to the UCSD Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine (COEM) at 8889
 University Center Lane, Suite 160, La Jolla, for the vaccination; see map below.
- Return to the COEM for a titer to confirm immunization every six months.

What do I do if I am exposed to rabies?

- Do not panic you are inoculated!
- Clean all wounds with a povidine-iodine solution; use soap and water if a povidine-iodine solution is not available.
- If you have an exposure to the eye, then rinse the eye with clean water.
- Contact the PI, David Kleinfeld at 858-922-4664 (cell).
- During normal business hours: Call COEM at 858-657-1600 to let them know about the exposure and then go immediately to COEM; see map below.



- After normal business hours: Go to the Thornton Hospital Emergency Care Services (Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, 9434 Medical Center Drive, La Jolla; 858-657-7600).
- Complete an injury report after treatment. This will get the medical bills paid through workers compensation. See http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/injuryreport to access the instructions for filling a report.
- See http://neurophysics.ucsd.edu/lab/RabiesViralVectorECP.pdf for the rabies control plan.