



Dengue Fever

Travel Bug Vaccination clinic can now access the Dengvaxia vaccine
It is only available, via "Special Access", for certain people

The important criteria:

1. You must spend several months a year in a risk Zone
2. The vaccine really only works if you have had dengue fever before. We will need to do serology to determine this. However, if you already have this you will need to bring it with you for us to see
3. Full cover is achieved over 3 injections 6 months apart
4. Each injection costs \$334

Other points to Note.....

This is a live vaccine. It may not be suitable for some, therefore consultation is necessary to assess individual's medical status to determine suitability.

For example, it is not suitable for:

- Those with HIV / AIDS
- Those with congenital immune problems
- Those with moderate to severe feverish illness
- Pregnant or breastfeeding women
- Those on treatment with blood products or immunoglobulins
- Those taking immune suppressive medications such as high dose steroids

Possible side effects

- Very common side effects: (>10%) headache, muscle aches, fatigue, injection site pain, fever
- Common side effects: (1-10%) injection site redness, swelling
- Uncommon side effects: (<1%) swelling lymph nodes, cough/runny nose/sore throat, rash, joint pain, dizziness, migraine

If you feel you would like the vaccine, or to find out more, please make an appointment to discuss all of the above and we will order the vaccine for you. Currently, we have 2 Dengvaxia vaccines in stock. We can administer your initial dose, if you meet the complex criteria, on the day. There is a \$25 facility fee for this service, the clinician's time would be bulk billed and if the vaccine is administered, payment will be required at this time.

Please note this is something we are not able to assess or discuss over the phone. Onsite consultation is necessary.

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