

# Yellow Fever Vaccination Consent Form

You have been asked to download and complete this form because your travel plans mean that you require vaccination against Yellow Fever. The vaccination contains a very weakened form of the live Yellow Fever virus, and as a result, there is a very small risk of developing serious, or even fatal, side effects. These are **much** less common than catching the natural disease itself (which kills over half of travellers who contract it), but you must be aware of the potential risks of vaccination, and provide us with your written consent before it can be given. A separate consent form is required for **EACH** traveller in the party, including any children.

Please **READ** through the information, **ANSWER** the questions, **SIGN** and **DATE** the form, and **BRING IT WITH YOU, ON THE DAY, TO YOUR TRAVEL APPOINTMENT.**

## Personal Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you had any other vaccinations in the last 28 days?	Yes	No	(circle)
Females - is there any chance that you could be pregnant?	Yes	No	

## Possible Adverse Reactions to Yellow Fever Vaccine

Mild reactions happen in 10-30% of people who receive the vaccine, and these consist of the following:

- Slight tenderness, redness or inflammation at the injection site, lasting up to 5 days afterwards
- Fever, headache, backache and/or body aches, starting a few days afterwards, and lasting for up to 2 weeks

More serious, and potentially life-threatening reactions are very rare, but consist of:

- Anaphylaxis (severe allergy) to the vaccine or one of its components (usually egg, occasionally gelatin). This is estimated to happen once in every 130,000 doses.
- A severe neurological disease (neurotropic) that can lead to confusion, paralysis of muscles and coma. This has only ever happened in those given YF vaccine for the first time, and recovery is usually complete. The risk is about 1 person in every 250,000 doses given.
- A severe multi-organ disease (viscerotropic), similar to Yellow Fever itself. This results in death in more than 60% of cases. The risk is about 1 person in every 330,000 doses given.
- If you are **over 60** years of age, the risk of neurotropic or viscerotropic disease following vaccination is **4 or more times** higher. For this reason, we do not offer Yellow Fever vaccination to this age-group. If it is an essential requirement of your trip, you will be directed to the Western General Specialist Travel Clinic instead.

**HAVING READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION, I UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INVOLVED, AND VOLUNTARILY CONSENT TO RECEIVE YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION AT BELLEVUE MEDICAL CENTRE.**

Signature of Patient (or Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_