



ECG Clinical PGD FAQs – Yellow Fever Vaccine v1.0

Who can purchase and use our yellow fever PGD?

A registered healthcare professional may administer the yellow fever vaccine under our Patient Group Direction (PGD). However, certain healthcare professionals are not eligible to administer this vaccine under the PGD, including pharmacy technicians and paramedics.

These eligibility criteria are determined externally and not by our organisation. Further information can be found on the NaTHNaC Yellow Fever Zone.

Why is the Yellow Fever vaccine and PGD treated differently than other vaccines?

The Yellow Fever vaccine itself can cause serious side effects, and therefore extra regulation is in place to ensure the patient is assessed properly before vaccination takes place.

Serious side effects which can be fatal include:

- yellow fever vaccine associated neurological disease. (YEL-AND) A condition affecting the brain and nervous system, causing symptoms such as confusion, and problems with movement and co-ordination
- yellow fever vaccine associated viscerotropic disease. (YEL-AVD) This is similar to yellow fever disease itself, and can lead to multi organ failure

These side effects are more common in those under 9 months of age, those over 60 years of age, and those with certain medical conditions including those which impair immune function.

What training is needed in order to administer the vaccine?

In addition to standard vaccination and travel health training, any healthcare professional intending to administer yellow fever vaccines must complete mandatory training with NaTHNaC.

This training is valid for two years, after which refresher training must be completed to maintain eligibility to provide yellow fever vaccination.

How do I access the training?

This is done directly via NaTHNaC Yellow Fever Zone on their website. There is a charge for the training which is not covered by ECG Training.

What happens once I have completed the training?

The pharmacy / clinic where you work will need to be registered as a Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre (YFVC) with NaTHNaC. Their website will explain how this is done.

NaTHNaC require that my YFVC centre has a Responsible Supervising Clinician (RSC). What does this mean?

Please refer to the NaTHNaC website for full details regarding Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre (YFVC) requirements.

A Responsible Supervising Clinician (RSC) is responsible for the governance of the YFVC and for ensuring compliance with the Code of Practice as outlined on the NaTHNaC website. An RSC may be a registered doctor, or a pharmacist or nurse who holds an approved prescribing qualification.

If your clinic does not have a linked healthcare professional who can act as the RSC, the pharmacist prescriber or Medical Director at ECG Training can undertake this role on your behalf.

Please note that if we act as your RSC, the operational duties of the role are delegated to you as the healthcare professional administering the vaccine. It is your responsibility to follow the Code of Practice in line with NaTHNaC requirements and their audit processes. You must also complete all mandatory audits and training in accordance with NaTHNaC standards.

Please note that we will cease to act as RSC if your PGD expires.

I have just purchased an ECG Training PGD. What do I do now?

You will be asked to complete an online JotForm to confirm your training and registration as a Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre (YFVC). As part of this process, you will also be asked to provide the details of your Responsible Supervising Clinician (RSC).

If you request that ECG acts as your RSC, we will provide the details of our prescribing pharmacist or Medical Director (for pharmacies based in Scotland). You can then use these details when registering your RSC on the NaTHNaC website.