

Travel Consultations

Hospital Drive Pediatrics (HDP) offers Travel Consultations for established patients travelling to certain high-risk countries. All services are provided by our Pediatricians; vaccines are recommended by the pediatrician and administered by a medical assistant. For countries or situations with which we are not familiar, we will refer you to a travel medicine clinic.

HDP Travel Consultations include:

- Review of Centers for Disease Control (CDC) country-specific recommendations for your child's age group, destination, and purpose of travel.
- Malaria prevention, including medication prescription and counseling.
- Vaccines: accelerating the routine vaccine schedule, administration of injectable Typhoid vaccine, prescription of oral Typhoid vaccine, as appropriate.
- List of Over the Counter (OTC) medications to take with you.
- Sun and mosquito protection recommendations.

Preparing for your child's travel consultation:

- Travel Consultations should be scheduled at least 6 weeks before departure. Typhoid and other vaccines are most effective if given at least 2-4 weeks before travel.
- It is important to have details of your itinerary so the doctor can make a thorough assessment of the health risks.
- Bring your child's immunization record (yellow card) to the appointment, as well as all prior travel-related vaccination records.
- A parent must be present at the appointment.

Billing

- Contact your insurance carrier so you are aware of your coverage; the CPT codes for typical services are provided below.
- The Travel Consultation with the doctor will be billed as Preventive Counseling (CPT 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404). It cannot be billed as an office visit.
- The Preventive Counseling charge for each person will range from \$75 to \$200, depending on the length and complexity of the visit.
- Typhoid vaccine (injectable, CPT 90691) is \$150, which includes the vaccine cost and administration fee. Prescription and counseling for Oral Typhoid vaccine are included in the Preventive Counseling service.
- Routine childhood vaccines will be billed to your insurance as usual.
- Because most insurance companies do not cover travel consultations or Typhoid vaccine, you will be asked to pay for these services at the end of your visit. We will still bill your insurance and reimburse you if it does pay for the visit.