**CATMAT reports to...**

Public Health Agency of Canada  
Chief Public Health Officer of Canada  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Branch  
Policy Integration, Planning, Reporting and International Directorate (PIPRID)  
Migration and Travel Health and International Program Division
Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel (CATMAT)

Mandatory

- provides **recommendations** on prevention and treatment of infectious diseases and other health hazards for Canadian travellers;

- suggests mechanisms for wide **dissemination** and use of recommendations and other travel medicine-related information; and

- advises on **priorities** for epidemiological research and other activities related to travel or tropical medicine.
Structure

- 10 members (4-year terms): Canadian expertise in travel medicine, tropical medicine, parasitology, infectious diseases, public health, pediatrics, and epidemiology
- Liaison members: CPS, CPHA, CSIH, AMMI Canada (formerly CIDS), NACI, IDRC, CAEP
- *Ex-officio* members: HC (SAP), DND, CIC, DFA, US CDC
Summary:

- Upcoming/future statements
- EBM guidelines
- Canadian Immunization Guide
Published Statements:

2009

- Dengue fever (April 2009)
- Malaria guidelines (June 2009)
- Meningococcal meningitis (June 2009)
- Tuberculosis (October 2009)
- Guidelines for the Practice of Travel Medicine (December 2009)
Published New Statement:

2010

- Pregnancy and travel (March 2010)
- Pediatric traveller (imminent)
Future Updated Statements:

2010

- EBM guidelines (working group)
- Typhoid (working group – piloting new EBM process)
- Arthropod Bites - Personal Protective Measures
- Fever in the Returned Traveller
- Japanese Encephalitis
Future New Statements:

2010

- International adoption (in press)
- Injuries and travel (in press)
- Elderly travellers (in press)
- Yellow fever (final draft)
- Travellers with chronic diseases
Future Statement Working Groups: 2010/11

- Travellers’ diarrhea - acute and persistent (next working group)
- Influenza and travel
- Rabies
- VFRs (new)
EBM Guidelines:

- National Advisory Committee on Immunization
  EBM guidelines published Nov 2008

- Review terms of reference and governance of NACI, CIC, and CATMAT currently underway

- CATMAT working group established to look at enhancing and standardizing how PHAC produces EBM guidelines using internationally accepted standards (GRADE – rating quality of evidence, grading strength of recommendations)
CIG Update:

- New “evergreen” electronic format and process
- 3-year process to complete update
- Phase 1 - December 2010
- Travel Vaccines Chapter (Yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, Typhoid, Cholera - ?ETEC, ?TBE)
- Travel related issues in all other chapters (Meningococcal, HAV, HBV, Rabies, Influenza, Polio, Measles, etc)
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