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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**





Mandate

- 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**





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***April 19/20, 2010
Meeting Summary***

Pierre J. Plourde, M.D., FRCPC

Chair, CATMAT

Member, CATMAT Malaria Subcommittee



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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:

- u 8th edition (2010)
- u New “evergreen” electronic format and process
- u 3-year process to complete update
- u Phase 1 - December 2010
- u Travel Vaccines Chapter (Yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, Typhoid, Cholera - ?ETEC, ?TBE)
- u Travel related issues in all other chapters (Meningococcal, HAV, HBV, Rabies, Influenza, Polio, Measles, etc)





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