

Survey

Travel-related illnesses in paediatrics

Increasing numbers of Canadian children and youth travel internationally each year and are at greater risk of **travel-related illnesses** (an illness acquired while travelling abroad with symptoms developing either during travel or upon return to Canada). This survey will determine how frequently CPSP participants see paediatric patients with travel-related illnesses, where they have travelled, and what types of illnesses they have contracted.



Paediatric travellers (children up to and including 17 years of age) will be categorized as:

- **VFR traveller** – One who travelled to **V**isit **F**riends and **R**elatives abroad and may be a foreign-born child or a Canadian-born child of foreign-born parents.
- **Tourist traveller** – One who travelled abroad as a tourist, whether or not foreign-born.
- **Immigrant traveller** – One who immigrated to Canada within the past 12 months and has not travelled abroad since.

Please take a few moments to answer the following:

1. Over the past 12 months, have you seen any children/youth newly diagnosed with travel-related illnesses?

Yes ___ No ___ **If the answer is "No", we thank you for participating in this survey.**

If yes, how many? <5 ___ 5-10 ___ 11-20 ___ >20 ___ exact number _____

How many were: VFR travellers ___ Tourist travellers ___ Immigrant travellers ___

2. To/from which destinations have these children/youth travelled? (Check all that apply)

Africa ___ South and Central America ___ Mexico ___ Caribbean ___ India ___

China/Hong Kong ___ Other Asian countries ___ Other (specify country) _____

Rank the three most frequently encountered destinations:

#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____

3. In the past 12 months, have you seen the following travel-related illnesses?

	Yes	No	# confirmed cases
• Malaria	___	___	_____
• Enteric fever (typhoid and paratyphoid)	___	___	_____
• Hepatitis A	___	___	_____
• Hepatitis B	___	___	_____
• Dengue	___	___	_____
• Tuberculosis (symptomatic disease; not infection)	___	___	_____
• Japanese encephalitis	___	___	_____
• Diarrheal diseases* (specify etiology) _____	___	___	_____
• Respiratory diseases* (specify etiology) _____	___	___	_____
• Other parasitic infections (e.g., schistosomiasis, helminths/"worms")	___	___	_____
If yes, specify etiology _____			
• Zoonotic (transmitted from animals; e.g., leptospirosis, anthrax)	___	___	_____
If yes, specify etiology _____			
• Other insect-borne diseases (e.g., rickettsia, viral fevers including yellow fever and chikungunya, leishmaniasis)	___	___	_____
If yes, specify etiology _____			
• Envenomations (e.g., snakes, spiders, scorpions)	___	___	_____
If yes, specify etiology _____			
• Animal bites necessitating rabies vaccine	___	___	_____
If yes, specify animal (e.g., dog, monkey) _____			
• Other, specify etiology _____	___	___	_____

* Diseases needing overnight hospitalization

Please return this survey with your monthly reporting form.

Thank you for your participation.

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