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Rabies is one of the oldest diseases known to mankind. There is still no treatment available once a patient develops the symptoms of rabies. There has been confusion among the general public because of historical fears and the painful injections of anti-rabies vaccination (nerve tissue vaccine administered over the abdomen) given in the past.

These FAQs are an attempt to provide accepted and evidence-based answers to common questions about the disease. Although efforts have been made to include all possible situations, the reader is advised that these FAQs are by no means exhaustive and they may need to consult an infectious disease/rabies expert in situations where their doubts are not addressed.

These FAQs are presented in two sections. The first section provides information for the general public. The second section gives advice to health providers on dealing with wounds from potentially rabid animals, and the administration of anti-rabies vaccines.

Section 1: For the general public

Q 1: WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a disease transmitted from animals to

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