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## Oral typhoid vaccine released

The only oral vaccine for typhoid fever has been released in the UK.

The vaccine Vivotif, has had its UK production and distribution taken over by PaxVax, a US based company.

Typhoid fever is claimed to be endemic in many parts of the world with frequent outbreaks in Asia and Africa. Caused by the bacteria Salmonella typhi, it can be life-threatening.

In the UK, the majority of cases are from travellers who have visited friends or relatives and are returning from Pakistan, Bngladesh, India and parts of Africa.

A educational programme to inform nurses of the use of travel vaccines and bring them up to date with current developments in trade health has been set up by PAXVax.

The “Excellence in Travel Health” series are free interactive courses open to practice nurses of all levels.

Topics covered include risk assessment, an update on vaccines and practicalities of delivering a travel health service in general practice.

Country Manager for PaxVax UK, Graeme Whitehouse, said the support of the UK launch with an educational programme for nurses would “ensure” healthcare professionals have the correct knowledge about vaccines and travel health.

Details of the travel health programme can be found at [www.excellencetravelhealth.com](http://www.excellencetravelhealth.com).

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