

**Policy on Medical
Student Immunization,
Medical Examination,
and Health Insurance**

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POLICY STATEMENT

After admission to medical school but prior to matriculation, all newly-admitted medical students are required to provide certification from a health care provider or other acceptable evidence that the student has received required immunizations and screenings, undergone a complete history and physical examination, and carries health insurance.

REASON for POLICY

To comply with the North Dakota University System policy 506.1 on Immunizations and TB testing and with immunization and TB-testing policies of affiliate health systems, hospitals, and clinics.

SCOPE of POLICY

This policy applies to:

<input type="checkbox"/> Managers and supervisors	<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty
<input type="checkbox"/> Deans, Directors, and Department Heads	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____

WEB SITE REFERENCES

Policy Office: <http://www.med.und.edu/policies/index.cfm>
Office of Education Resources: <http://www.med.und.edu/education-resources/index.cfm>

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DEFINITIONS

Course	Any unit of education in the UND SMHS, including a course, clerkship, elective, block, or class
Hep B	Hepatitis B is a viral infection that attacks the liver and can cause both acute and chronic disease.
IGRA	Interferon-gamma release assays
Influenza vaccine	A vaccine used to protect against the highly variable influenza virus.
Intermediate PPD	Purified Protein Derivative; used to test TB
MMR	A vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella
NDUS	North Dakota University System
SMHS	School of Medicine and Health Sciences
TB	Tuberculosis (TB) is a contagious bacterial infection that involves the lungs; it may spread to other organs.
Tdap	A vaccine against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis
Titer	A way of expressing antibody concentration.
Varicella vaccine	Chickenpox vaccine

RELATED INFORMATION CONTACTS

Non-North Dakota residents or those who have not lived in North Dakota for an extended period of time	The Wyoming, Montana, and Minnesota Departments of Health may not collect and distribute the information. The student will need to check with his or her individual health care provider.
North Dakota (ND) residents	The ND Department of health can send out a very informative immunization report. Contact them at 1.800.472.2180. There is no charge. The Wyoming, Montana, and Minnesota Departments of Health may not collect and distribute the information. The student will have to check with his or her individual health care provider.
Vaccine Information Statements	http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/

General questions about this policy can be answered by your department's administrative office. Specific questions should be directed to the following:

Subject	Contact	Telephone/FAX	Office/Dept
Policy clarification	Education Resources	777.5400	patrick.carr@und.edu
Policy format	Dean's Office	777.2514/777.3527	judy.solberg@und.edu

PROCEDURES

1. This policy classifies immunizations into two categories: 1) required and 2) special requirements. All required immunizations must be documented and/or immune status verified prior to matriculation. Students to whom special requirements apply shall complete and provide documentation of the immunizations prior to the first day of the course.

All documentation shall be submitted to the commercial student screening service established by the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions, failure to do so may result in the inability to matriculate to medical school or participate in curricular activities.

2. Required immunizations: In the event that a student is unable to provide a record of immunization (for example if the records are lost or destroyed) they may demonstrate immunity using antibody titers.
 - a. Adult Diphtheria Tetanus Vaccine: All students must have a Tdap shot within the past 10 years. Additionally, students are required to provide documentation of their original DPT series.
 - b. Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine: All students must document the receipt of two doses of MMR vaccine or document immunity to these diseases through IgG antibody titers.
 - c. Polio Vaccine: All students must have completed the primary series and booster for polio.
 - d. Tuberculosis Screening: All students will have a 2-step TST (tuberculin skin test) at the start of medical school then a 1-step TST within the year after that until graduation. Alternatively, one of the two IGRA blood tests with documentation of negative results can be substituted.
 - i. If the student has a history of latent TB, a positive skin test or a positive blood test the following procedure shall be completed: provide documentation of the positive result; document the most recent negative chest x-ray; document the prophylactic treatment and duration; date of the last annual TB symptom questionnaire. Thereafter students must complete a yearly TB symptoms screen with their healthcare provider.
 - ii. If the student has a history of active TB: provide documentation of date of diagnosis, date treatment was completed; date of last annual TB symptom questionnaire and the last chest x-ray.
 - e. Hepatitis B: All students are required to complete the full series of three (Engergix-B, Recombivax or Twinrix) or two (Hepelisav-B) injections followed by a Hepatitis B titer prior to the first day of classes. If the titer is negative, the full series of injections must be repeated with another titer. The repeated immunization series will be available to all first-year medical students. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences contracts with UND Student Health Services for this service. In the rare situation where a student is admitted without having had the appropriate amount of time to complete the immunization series (admitted late from the “wait list”), they will be allowed to matriculate if they have started the series and agree to complete the series and the titer.
 - f. Varicella Vaccine: A student must have either received varicella vaccine or have proof of varicella immunity with proof of a positive titer submitted to the commercial student screening service prior to the first day of classes.

- g. Influenza Vaccine: All students should be immunized annually against Influenza as a protection for the patients they encounter. This annual immunization is required for all medical students, unless medically contraindicated.

3. Special Requirements

- a. Students are required to comply with the immunization requirements of our affiliated healthcare institutions in order to participate in clinical education at these sites.

4. Medical Examination

- a. Every new student must undergo a complete history and physical examination after admission to medical school but prior to matriculation. The healthcare provider must complete the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences History & Physical Examination and Healthcare Provider Standards of Capacity forms. This will be uploaded by the student into their MyRecordTracker portal prior to the first day of school.
- b. It is recommended that current students undergo a complete history and physical examination on a yearly basis.

5. Medical Insurance

- a. Every new and current medical student is required to carry health insurance and agrees to maintain health insurance coverage throughout their entire period of enrollment. Documentation of proof of health insurance will be uploaded by the student into their MyRecordTracker portal prior to the first day of school then annually thereafter.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Student	Receive the appropriate vaccines and medical examination. Provide to the SMHS a record of immunizations and/or titers, and a medical examination.
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