



Student Immunization and Medical Examination Policy For Medical Students

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POLICY STATEMENT

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences requires that all newly admitted medical students provide the SMHS with certification from a health care provider or other acceptable evidence that the student has received required immunizations. This policy classifies immunizations into two categories: required, and special requirements. All required immunizations must be documented and/or immune status verified prior to matriculation. Students who fall under the special requirements shall complete and provide documentation of the immunizations prior to the first day of the course.

REASON for POLICY

To comply with the North Dakota University System policy 506.1 on Immunizations and TB testing; and to comply with immunizations and TB policies of affiliate educational institutions such as affiliated community hospitals.

SCOPE of POLICY

This policy applies to:

√Deans, Directors, and Department Heads	√Faculty
√Managers and supervisors	√Staff
√Students	
Others:	

WEB SITE REFERENCES

Policy Office: <http://www.med.und.edu/policies/index.cfm>
Responsible Office: <http://www.med.und.edu/student-affairs-admissions/>

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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-gama release assays
Influenza Vaccine	A vaccine used to protect against the highly variable influenza virus.
Intermediate PPD	Purified Protein Derivative; used to test for TB.
Meningococcal Vaccine	A vaccine used to protect against Neisseria Meningitidis, a bacterium that causes meningitis, meningococcemia, septicemia.
MMR	An immunization vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella.
NDUS	North Dakota University System
Pneumococcal Vaccine	A vaccine used to protect against Streptococcus Pneumoniae
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	An immunization vaccine against Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.
Titre	A way of expressing concentration.
Varicella Vaccine	Chickenpox vaccine

RELATED INFORMATION	
Non-North Dakota residents or those who have not lived in ND 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/

CONTACTS

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	Email contact
Policy clarification	Student Affairs	777.4221/777.4942	
Policy format	Dean's Office	777.2514/777.3527	judy.solberg@med.und.edu

PRINCIPLES

- I) The School of Medicine and Health Sciences requires that all newly admitted medical students provide the SMHS with certification from a health care provider or other acceptable evidence that the student has received required immunizations. This policy classifies immunizations into two categories: required, and special requirements. All required immunizations must be documented and/or immune status verified prior to matriculation. Students who fall under the special requirements shall complete and provide documentation of the immunizations prior to the first day of the course.
- II) All documentation shall be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions, failure to do so may result in the inability to matriculate to medical school.

PROCEDURES

- I) 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 titres (please see AAMC Standardized Immunization form link.)
 - A) Adult Diphtheria Tetanus Vaccine: All students must have a tetanus shot within the past 10 years. Additionally, students are required to provide documentation of their original DPT series. Students must have at least one adult Tdap.
 - 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 titres.
 - C) Polio Vaccine: All students must have completed the primary series and booster for polio.
 - D) Tuberculosis Screening: All students must provide documentation as follows depending on the situation.
 - 1) TST (tuberculin skin test) placed within two months before starting medical school, the results must be documented as negative. If there is a previous PPD that should also be documented. Alternatively, one of the two IGRA blood tests with documentation of negative results can be substituted.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) 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 injections followed by a Hepatitis B titre prior to the first day of classes. If the titre is negative, the series of three injections must be repeated. 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 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 titre.

- F) Varicella Vaccine: A student must have either received varicella vaccine or have proof of varicella immunity with proof of a positive titre submitted to the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions 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.
- H) Meningococcal Vaccine: This is required for routine student immunizations, for students staying in University housing.

II) Special Requirements

- A) Meningococcal Vaccine: This is required for those students will be staying in campus housing.
- B) Pneumococcal Vaccine: Any student with a chronic medical condition such as congenital or acquired cardiovascular conditions, chronic lung diseases, etc. or who is immunocompromised should get this immunization.

III) Medical Examination

- A) Every student must undergo a complete history and physical examination after admission to medical school but prior to matriculation. This examination shall be completed after September 15 of the year prior but before matriculation. The results shall be sent to the SMHS Office of Student Affairs and Admissions for review. Students who have a change in their medical status or medication list after the time of the history and physical shall repeat the process prior to matriculation. Visiting medical students shall provide documentation from a health care provider that they do not require the Pneumococcal vaccine.

RESPONSIBILITIES	
Student	<p>Receive the appropriate vaccines, TB testing/treatment and medical examination.</p> <p>Provide to the SMHS a record of immunizations and/or titres, TB testing/treatment, and a medical examination.</p>

FORMS	
AAMC Standardized Immunization Form	https://www.aamc.org/download/440110/data/immunization_form.pdf

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