Student Immunizations and Medical Examination Policy

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POLICY STATEMENT

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences requires that all newly admitted medical students to provide the SMHS with certification from a health care provider or other acceptable evidence that the student has received immunizations. The immunizations are presented in three categories: required; strongly recommended; and special requirements. All required immunizations must be either documented or immune status to the disease must be verified prior to matriculation, with the exception of Hepatitis B.

REASON for POLICY

To comply with the North Dakota University System policy 506.1 on Immunizations and TB testing.

SCOPE of POLICY

This policy applies to:
\- Faculty
\- Staff
\- Deans, Directors, and Department Heads
\- Managers and supervisors
\- Students

WEB SITE REFERENCES

This policy: TBD
Policy Office: [http://www.med.und.edu/policies/index.cfm](http://www.med.und.edu/policies/index.cfm)
Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean: [http://www.med.und.edu/administration/deans-office/index.cfm](http://www.med.und.edu/administration/deans-office/index.cfm)
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DEFINITIONS

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<td>TB</td>
<td>Tuberculosis (TB) is a contagious bacterial infection that involves the lungs; it may spread to other organs.</td>
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<td>SMHS</td>
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<td>Hep B</td>
<td>Hepatitis B is a viral infection that attacks the liver and can cause both acute and chronic disease</td>
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<td>Tdap</td>
<td>An immunization vaccine against Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.</td>
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<td>MMR</td>
<td>An immunization vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella.</td>
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<td>Intermediate PPD</td>
<td>Purified Protein Derivative; used to test for TB.</td>
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<td>Titre</td>
<td>A way of expressing concentration.</td>
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<td>Varicella Vaccine</td>
<td>Chickenpox vaccine</td>
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<td>Influenza Vaccine</td>
<td>A vaccine used to protect against the highly variable influenza virus.</td>
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<td>Pneumococcal Vaccine</td>
<td>A vaccine used to protect against Streptococcus pneumonia.</td>
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<td>Meningococcal Vaccine</td>
<td>A vaccine used to protect against Neisseria meningitides, a bacterium that causes meningitis, meningococcemia, sepsis, and rarely endocarditis, septic arthritis or pneumonia.</td>
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RELATED INFORMATION

| 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/vis-statements/tdap.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.html) |

CONTACTS

Specific questions should be directed to the following:

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PRINCIPLES

OVERVIEW — The School of Medicine and Health Sciences requires that all newly admitted medical students to provide the SMHS with certification from a health care provider or other acceptable evidence that the student has received immunizations. The immunizations are presented in three categories: required; strongly recommended; and special requirements. All required immunizations must be either documented or immune status to the disease must be verified prior to matriculation, with the exception of Hepatitis B.

PROCEDURES

Required Immunizations:
1. 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.
2. Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine: All students must document the receipt of two doses of MMR vaccine or document immunity to these diseases.
3. Polio Vaccine: All students must have completed the primary series and booster for polio.
4. Tuberculosis Screening: All students must have an intermediate PPD placed within two months before starting medical school.
5. Hepatitis B: All students are required to complete the full series of three injections followed by a titre. If the titre is negative, the series of three injections must be repeated. The complete 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. If students have already have completed the series of three injections, students will need to provide the SMHS with documentation plus he results of a positive titre prior to the start of school.
6. Varicella Vaccine: Although this vaccine is not recommended for routine student immunizations, students will need to document immune status to varicella by having proof of a positive titre prior to the start of school.
7. Influenza Vaccine: All health care providers 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.
8. Meningococcal Vaccine: This is required for routine student immunizations.

Strongly recommended Immunizations:
1. Pneumococcal Vaccine: All incoming medical students should consider this vaccination for protection from the increasing prevalence of resistant streptococcal organisms. 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.

Medical Examination Policy

Every student must undergo a complete history and physical examination after admission to medical school but prior to matriculation. The results shall be sent directly to the SMHS for review. The School, then, will forward the results of the student’s history and physical exam to the UND Student Health Services. By completing and submitting the history and physical exam form, the student is giving permission to view the information to the SMHS and the UND Student Health Services.
## RESPONSIBILITIES

| Student | ● Receive the appropriate vaccines and medical examination, according to the chart.  
|         | ● Provide to the SMHS a record of immunizations and a medical examination. |
| SMHS    | ● Forward students’ results to UND Student Health Services. |

## FORMS

|                                | There are no forms for this policy. |

## REVISION RECORD

02.12.07—Dean approved