



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, FREMANTLE

Doctor of Medicine

Infection Control Policy

This policy is designed to prevent the transmission of some important communicable diseases in the clinical setting, protecting both students and patients

POLICY

Note: Any information relating to a student's medical status will be strictly confidential.

1. Standard Precautions

1.1 All medical students should adhere strictly to standard precautions including the correct use of hand-washing, protective barriers and care in the use and disposal of needles and other sharp instruments.

2. Evidence of Vaccinations and/or Immunity

2.1 Prior to any patient contact each medical student must have a completed and updated vaccination record against Measles, Mumps and Rubella and Varicella.

2.2 Prior to any patient contact, each medical student will have a confirmation of current immunity to Hepatitis B or a past history of seroconversion following vaccination.

2.3 Prior to any medical student having contact with paediatric patients they must have confirmation of immunity to or recent booster vaccination against Diphtheria, Tetanus Pertussis and Polio. A Pertussis booster should have been received within the last 10 yrs.

2.4 It is **required** that medical students be immunised for Hepatitis A (for remote community and overseas placements)

2.5 It is **mandated** by the medical school that students be immunised annually for Influenza (each April / May)

2.6 **Tuberculosis:** Each medical student must have a Quantiferon Gold test before enrolment. BCG vaccination is not recommended.

2.7 **Multiple Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus screening (MRSA):** A medical student who has worked in, or been a patient in a hospital or residential care facility outside Western Australia in the

past 12 months, must have MRSA swabs taken. This remains relevant throughout the degree course. The onus is on the students to adhere to this guidance.

2.8 Each medical student must be aware of their status for blood borne infectious disease (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)) and arrange for such testing as appropriate for their status. Students with an infectious blood borne disease must not perform exposure prone procedures (as defined by the West Australian Health Department).

The School of Medicine will approach these matters on an individual basis respecting the rights of the medical student. However, a student has a responsibility to inform the Dean of the School of Medicine of their conditions, in confidence, before conducting any practicum.

<u>Immunisation Requirements</u>
Measles, Mumps & Rubella (Evidence of 2 doses of vaccine OR serological evidence of immunity)
Varicella (Evidence of 2 doses of vaccine OR serological evidence of immunity)
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (Evidence of primary course completion + adult booster within last 10yrs) NB If boosting DTP, Recommend Adacel & IPV or Boostrix & IPV. Do not check serology.
Polio (Evidence of primary immunisation course. Total of 4 vaccines. Adult booster lasts for life). Do not check serology.
Hep A The School of Medicine <i>requires</i> each student be vaccinated or immunity checked.
Hep B (Evidence of age appropriate vaccination AND serological evidence of immunity- HBsAb Titre >10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please forward a copy of serology • Only do HBsAg if not responding to vaccine. NB For adolescents only 2 adult doses given
Influenza The School of Medicine and Health Department strongly <i>recommend</i> each student be vaccinated annually in May. This will be offered on campus.
MRSA (swab results required if student has been working in or been a patient in a hospital or residential care facility outside WA in last 12 months)
Tuberculosis (Quantiferon Gold blood test <i>required</i> within prior 12 months)
Blood Borne Virus Screen – HIV & Hep C Serology required and copies enclosed. Along with HepBsAb
NB - it is the student's responsibility to keep copies of clearances. You are required to keep your own immunisation records as you may be asked to provide them on your clinical placements.