(A) Policy statement

The University of Toledo College of Medicine (UTCOM) M.D. program mandates a number of health and immunization requirements for all medical students, including visiting students from other medical schools/medical education programs. The health and immunization requirements follow guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with those of relevant state and accreditation agencies.

(B) Purpose of policy

The purpose of the Health and Immunization Requirements policy is to promote the safety of the institution’s medical students, as well as the safety of the patients, faculty, and staff with whom the medical students come in contact. Student compliance with these health and immunization requirements also ensures institutional compliance with the standards of the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) and the Joint Commission.

(C) Scope: M.D. Program, College of Medicine, The University of Toledo Health Science Campus

(D) Procedure

(1) Prior to matriculation, all accepted students must meet the following health and immunization requirements:
   (a) Physical examination within last 12 months
   (b) Proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) by titers (Students who are not immune should receive MMR immunization)
   (c) Proof of immunity to Hepatitis B by titer (Students who are not immune should receive one additional dose if proof of 3 prior doses, or receive a series of 3 without proof of prior immunization)
   (d) Negative 2-step PPD for tuberculosis (TB) for domestic students
   (e) Negative Quantiferon test and symptom screen for students from World Health Organization-designated High TB prevalence areas in accordance with UT policy 3364-81-04-030
(f) Proof of immunity to varicella by titer (Students who are not immune should receive two varicella immunizations 4 to 8 weeks apart.)

(g) Immunization tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. We require one dose of Tdap (Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis adult dose within the last 10 years).

(2) Respirator clearance – fitting and training will occur after matriculation prior to starting clinical rotations in third year.

(3) All continuing students must have an annual physical examination and PPD in order to participate in clinical clerkships involving patient care.

(4) All medical students must complete training in universal precautions related to exposure to infectious agents or environmental hazards prior to engaging in any clinical activities.

(5) Students participating in global health experiences or clinical rotations at outside institutions may have additional health requirements.

(6) Students who fail to meet their health and immunization requirements will be subject to sanctions and disciplinary action, including a registration hold and professionalism report. Sanctions will not be given in the rare cases in which a student does not manifest immunity after completing the required schedule of immunizations; nonetheless, these students will be prohibited from participation in patient care activities until proof of immunity is obtained.

(7) These results should be submitted to Health Information Management, 1015 Research Drive, MS1072, Toledo, OH 43614

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