Name of Policy: Health and Immunization Requirements for Medical Students

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Approving Officer: Dean, College of Medicine and Life Sciences

Responsible Agent: Associate Dean for Student Affairs

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(A) Policy statement

The University of Toledo College of Medicine (UTCOM) M.D. program mandates a number of health and immunization requirements for all 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) 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) A record of 3 dose series of Hepatitis B vaccine and a positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (anti-HBs) titer of 10mIU/ml or higher is required. (Titer is done 1-2 months after final dose of vaccination). Those who test negative for hepatitis B surface antibody (anti HBs) should receive a single “booster” dose of hepatitis B vaccine and be retested 1-2 months later. Those who test positive following the “booster” dose are immune and require no further vaccination or testing. Those who test negative should receive 2 more doses of hepatitis B vaccine on the usual schedule and be tested again 1-2 months after the last (6th)
dose. Those who do not respond to vaccination should be tested for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and total Hepatitis B core antibody (anti-HBc).

(d) Negative 2-step tuberculin skin test (TST) for tuberculosis (TB) or negative Quantiferon (QFT) test 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.)

(2) Respirator clearance – Medical evaluation questionnaire completed then PAPR trained prior to rotations

(3) All continuing students must have an annual influenza vaccination and TST/QFT in order to participate in clinical experiences involving patient care.

(4) All 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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