

Student Health Guideline- Hepatitis B

All Incoming Medical (Med) and Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) Students are required to provide documentation of immunization with the Hepatitis B vaccine series as well as a copy of the lab report confirming the Hepatitis B surface antibody titer result.

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) students need only provide documentation of Hep B vaccine series dates.

Any incoming Medical, MD/ PhD or GSN student in the middle of a series and/ or with a negative Hepatitis B antibody titer are required to provide a Hepatitis B surface antigen result prior to start of class to be sure they are not a carrier of Hepatitis B. **If this information is not provided, the student will be restricted from direct patient contact.**

Some incoming students may be in the middle of their first series before classes start. They will be cleared start class with the above information but will need to finish the Hepatitis B series and have a titer checked by the end of the first year. It is the student's professional responsibility to follow- through with Student Health to complete this requirement or provide this information to Student Health if completed through their own provider.

Any student that has received the initial Hepatitis B series (3 vaccines) and then have a negative antibody titer and a negative antigen titer will be required to have a Hep B booster dose.

A repeat Hepatitis B surface antibody titer should be re-checked no sooner than 6 weeks later.

If this repeat titer is again negative/indeterminate/equivocal the student is then required to finish the last two doses to complete a second Hepatitis B series as per current CDC guidelines (For a total of 6 doses).

A Hepatitis B titer will be re-checked again no sooner than 6 weeks after the final dose. If this result is again negative/equivocal/ indeterminate the student will be considered a "non-responder"

For incoming students who have not started class, this process is required to be initiated by the student's PCP.

If you are a current UMASS student, these labs will be ordered and reviewed by either the Student Health director or one of the FCM providers.

Any non-responder student is required to have a visit with a provider in FCM to provide counseling about the student's risk for Hepatitis B and whether s/he may be considered a "non-responder" (if all labs are negative) or as a possible carrier for Hepatitis B.

Students with a medical contraindication to Hepatitis B must provide Student Health with a note from their provider indicating as such.

Students that decline the Hepatitis B vaccine for reasons other than a medical contraindication must sign the Student Health declination form and indicate the reason for declination. Only Medical and Religious declinations are accepted. The Student Health director will be notified of students with medical contraindications or declinations.

Authorized by: _____ Date: _____