All incoming Medical and Graduate School of Nursing 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 titer result.

Some incoming students may be in the middle of a series before classes start. They will be accepted and allowed to start class, but will need to complete the Hepatitis B series and have a titer checked by the end of the first year. \textit{It is the student’s professional responsibility} to follow-through with Student Health to complete this requirement.

For students that have received the initial Hepatitis B series of 3 vaccines and then have a titer that is negative/indeterminate/equivocal, a Hepatitis B booster should be given and then a Hepatitis B titer should be re-checked 6-8 weeks later.

If this second titer is negative/indeterminate/equivocal the student would then 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 8 weeks after the final dose. If this result is again negative/equivocal/indeterminate the student will then be required to have additional lab work to determine if he/she is a “non-responder” or a chronic carrier of Hepatitis B. For incoming students who have not started class, this process should be started by the student’s PCP.

\textbf{These lab tests include:}

- Anti-HBcIgM
- HBeAg
- HepBsAg
- HBcAg

If you are a current UMass student, these labs will be reviewed by one of the student health providers. An appointment will be made to review the results and 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.

\textbf{NOTE: If you do not provide complete Hepatitis B series documentation with a positive Hepatitis B surface antibody titer, you may not be cleared to have patient contact.}

Any questions regarding this protocol should be directed to Student Health Services \texttt{studenthealth@umassmed.edu}