

STATEMENT 4.0.2 - IMMUNIZATION
Undergraduate Medical Education

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I. PURPOSE

All students in a clinical placement in the UME Program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry are required to be fully immunized. This shall apply for Visiting Elective and Schulich Medicine students regardless of clinical learning site.

Proof of immunity is required for all persons carrying on activity in hospitals in Ontario under Regulation 965 of the Ontario Public Hospitals Act.

II. DEFINITIONS

Immunization Immunization is the process whereby a person is made immune or resistant to an infectious disease, typically by the administration of a vaccine.

Vaccination Injection of a killed or weakened infectious organism in order to prevent the disease. Vaccines stimulate the body's own immune system to protect the person against subsequent infection or disease.

Source:

<http://www.who.int/topics/immunization/en>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/imz-basics.htm>

III. STATEMENT

a. Influenza

- i. Annual influenza vaccination is recommended in early October annually by the Government of Ontario. Medical students who choose not to have an annual influenza vaccination should be aware that many of our teaching hospital policies preclude them from clinical placements in the event of an influenza outbreak.

b. First time registrants in the Undergraduate Medical Education Program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry are required to submit immunization documentation in accordance with the Council of Faculties of Medicine (COFM) policy on Immunization.

c. For returning students in each year of study in the Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Program:

- i. For first time and returning students in the UME Program, students must present:
 1. An updated Immunization Record Form with documentation of a negative one-step TB skin test performed in the last 12 months or documentation of a negative chest x-ray in the last 12 months which indicates no active TB for students with a positive skin test.
- ii. Students entering first year of undergraduate medical training must present proof of testing for anti-Hepatitis B. Students who, after immunization are anti-HBS negative, will be counseled and tested for HBS –Ag and counseled for further immunization.
- iii. Students requiring vaccine booster must provide proof of immunization.

- iv. Students who lack clear documentation of mumps, rubella, varicella or measles and are unable to confirm clinical infection will be required to be immunized or undertake serologic testing to confirm proof of immunity.
 - d. Failure to submit records
 - i. Students who do not submit the above records will be suspended from clinical learning until proper documentation is submitted to the Learner Equity & Wellness Office (LEW).

NOTE: Further questions are to be directed to the Learner Equity & Wellness Office.

IV. AFFILIATED HOSPITALS and LINKS

- a. Students must adhere to the Immunization Policy of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at all times and the Council of Faculties of Medicine (COFM) Policy on Immunization.
- b. Students are required to ensure that they adhere to the immunization policies of our affiliated hospitals at all times and failure to adhere will result in termination of all clinical learning experiences.

Council of Faculty of Medicine (COFM) Policy on Immunization

<http://cou.on.ca/papers/immunization-policy>

Learner Equity & Wellness Website (forms)

http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/learner-equity-wellness/learner_wellness/immunization_first_aid/medical_requirements.html

LHSC Routine Practices

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/medicine/undergraduate/docs/clerkship-london/Routine_Practices_LHSC_policy.pdf

Windsor Regional Hospital Volunteer Handbook

<https://www.wrh.on.ca/uploads/Common/Volunteer%20Handbook.pdf>