

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

IMMUNIZATION

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I. PURPOSE

All students in the MD Program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry are required to be fully immunized. The same immunization requirements apply for Visiting Elective Students. Proof of immunity is required for all persons providing clinical care in hospitals in Ontario under Regulation 965 of the Ontario Public Hospital Act.

II. STATEMENT

Medical Students, including Visiting Medical Students must comply with the [COFM Immunization and Screening Policy - Council of Ontario Universities](#). Medical students who do not comply with the immunization policy may be excluded from clinical learning.

III. PROCESS

- a) Influenza: 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 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, titers for Hepatitis C and HIV, and 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. [Immunization, First Aid and Police Records - Learner Experience - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](#)
- c) Returning students in each year of study in the MD Program are responsible for obtaining and submitting updated immunization records by the posted deadlines. For explicit instructions, visit: [Immunization, First Aid and Police Records - Learner Experience - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](#)
- d) Learners who fail to submit records to the Learner Experience Office by the stated deadline(s) will be suspended from MD Program learning. Persistent failure to meet deadlines for annual clearance requirements may be viewed as a Professionalism breach.

NOTE: Further questions are to be directed to the Learner Experience Office.