

January 29, 2009

To: Pharmacy Students

From: Gayle Hudgins, Director, Experiential Education

Re: Required Immunizations for Hospital IPPE and APPE

The following immunizations and testing will be required for professional pharmacy students BEFORE they go out into hospital IPPE or any APPE sites.

1. **MMR** - This is required for admission into the university and is on file in the Curry Health Center (CHC). It is not required of individuals born before 1957 as they are felt to have been exposed naturally. Curry Health Center can provide documentation from your admission records. We are requiring students to turn in proof of MMR.
2. **PPD (TB skin test)** - Every health care facility requires it of employees and students working in the facility. It needs to be current and **must be repeated annually**. If it expires during the APPE year, you must have it repeated. The CHC charges \$3.67 per test if you have paid your CHC fee; \$7.34 if you have not.
3. **Hepatitis B** – This immunization consists of three injections over 7 months followed by serology (titer) testing for antibodies. The University now requires this of all students who may risk exposure to hepatitis B during clinical or research experiences. Students can do hospital IPPE if they have two Hep B immunizations. However, the Hep B series must be complete with a titer before the APPE year.

UM students can obtain the three hepatitis B vaccine injections plus antibody testing in the CHC for a total of \$125.92 if you have paid your CHC fee (\$37.38 for each injection; \$13.78 for antibody testing) or \$174.32 if you have not paid your CHC fee (\$48.39 for each injection; \$29.15 for antibody testing, which includes venipuncture and handling fee), which is reasonable compared to charges in other settings. Other sources for the immunizations would be institutional work sites, health departments, private medical offices and clinics. **The entire series requires seven months so it should be started at least 7 months in advance of the hospital IPPE rotation.** After the initial injection, a second one is given after one month, and the third one, six months after the first. Antibody testing is performed one month after the last injection to make certain that antibodies to the hepatitis B virus have formed. **If you have had the hepatitis B vaccine in the past and do not have a titer, you will need to have the antibody testing done to ensure your immunity.**

You will need to present documentation that you have had these immunizations prior to going out on hospital IPPE or any APPE rotations. Photocopies of health records containing the information will be sufficient for our records. Please be prepared to supply these records at least one month prior to the start of rotations. It is also the student's responsibility to keep your PPD test and CPR certification current during the APPE year.

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Re: Preparation for IPPE or APPE

The following items must be taken care of BEFORE you can go out on IPPE or APPE.

1. **Health Insurance**

Each student must have health insurance for medical expenses. If the student purchases the University health insurance, the student **must submit a copy of his/her card**. If the student waives the University coverage, he/she **must submit proof of other coverage**.

2. **Name tag**

You will need a name tag identifying you as a UM Pharmacy Student. Kappa Epsilon sells these each semester for \$8.00 (magnet); you will have an opportunity to buy one this semester if you have not already purchased one or have lost yours. See Gayle Hudgins for more information.

3. **CPR Certification**

Each student is required to be currently certified in basic adult CPR **prior to the start of Hospital IPPE and the APPE year**. If you have been previously certified, a refresher course is fine. Students are advised that the American Heart Association Heart-Saver course is **NOT** accepted for recertification. Students have to demonstrate technical skills and complete a written test to receive the Healthcare Provider recertification. We will need a copy of your CPR card for our files. CPR will need to be renewed annually or biennially depending on your provider.

4. **Immunizations (See other side)**

We require proof of certain immunizations and testing before you can do hospital IPPE or APPE. These are a current PPD (TB) (repeated annually), MMR, and a hepatitis B titer. Curry Health Center can provide documentation of the MMR from your admission records.

5. **Internship Registration**

In order to do experiential course work you must be registered as an intern in the State of Montana, which cannot be completed until the end of your first professional year. To register, pick up an Internship Application Form in the pharmacy main office. You will need to complete the form and send it along with a picture and the fee to the State Board office. You will also need to request the registrar to send an official copy of your transcript to show that you have completed the first year in the program. The school notifies the board of your IPPE placements at the beginning of the IPPE. The registration procedure will be covered in Phar 310 if you are a P-1 student. Students doing practical experience in other states must also register as an intern in that state and provide our office with a copy of that license.

6. **Criminal Background Checks**

Criminal background checks are now required of all students participating in clinical education activities in institutional settings. The online address for the Montana Department of Justice is www.doj.mt.gov/enforcement/criminaljustice/backgroundchecks.asp. Under Online Requests, click on Criminal History Public Online Record Search. Under Public Users, click on Start Search and follow the prompts. There is a \$11.50 charge which you can pay by credit card or e-check. You will need your legal name, birth date and social security number for the search. Print a copy for your records and submit a copy to Karen Franceschina at karen.franceschina@umontana.edu or fax it to Karen at 406-243-4353. If you have had a background check done in the past year for an internship or any other reason, it is very likely that it can be used if you can obtain a copy. If you need a background check for an out-of-state site, check with the site as they may or may not be able to use a Montana search.

You should carry copies of your PPD, Hep B, MMR, CPR, and background check with you because the site may require documentation when you arrive.

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