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Subject: Student Immunization Requirements

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is:

To describe MMC requirements and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended immunizations for health professionals.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Prior to registration, all students entering Meharry Medical College must provide proof of prior immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, and hepatitis B consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. Documentation of the results of tuberculosis screening (PPD) within 6 months of matriculation is also required. Student Health Services will review all documentation submitted to determine adequacy.

- Hepatitis B vaccinations: documented series of 3 vaccines **or** Hepatitis B surface antibody quantitative serologic titer
- Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR): documented series of two doses **or** quantitative serologic titers
- Varicella: documented series of two doses and quantitative serologic titer or documented dates or disease **or** quantitative serologic titer
- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis: documentation of TDAP vaccine within the last 10 years
- Polio: documentation of last immunization
- Tuberculosis Screening (within 6 months of matriculation): PPD results or IGRA result or documentation of previous positive PPD, subsequent treatment **and** most recent chest x-ray report (within the last 6 months).
- Tuberculin skin testing and influenza (flu) vaccination is required annually.

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Students who cannot provide adequate documentation of prior immunization or physician-diagnosed diseases (as indicated by serologic evidence) by the start of the MMC PA program must initiate immunization to these diseases prior to matriculation and complete all immunization prior to the start of clinical rotations.

Tuberculin skin testing and influenza (flu) vaccination is required annually for all students enrolled in the MMC PA Program. Any student who has not been appropriately immunized or who fails to receive annual screening will not be allowed to continue enrollment in the MMC PA Program. Any student who becomes tuberculin skin test positive during the course of their medical training will be evaluated and followed routinely in the Student Health Service without charge. The student must notify the Office of Student and Academic Affairs and the Student Health Services in order for the student to be cleared to return to clinical rotations. The college will assume responsibility for the cost of the initial chest x-ray(s) and such medication as deemed appropriate by Meharry Student Health Service.

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

EXHIBITS: