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Immunization Policy

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Policy Statement

The specific minimum immunization requirements at the Medical College of Georgia are established by Board of Regents policy, which is periodically reviewed and modified. The Board of Regents policy allows the Medical College of Georgia to enhance these requirements, with the concurrence of the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia. MCG's specific immunization requirements are also periodically reviewed and modified. With the concurrence of the President of the Medical College of Georgia and Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, individual schools may require additional immunizations.

All entering MCG students must provide the MCG Student Health Service with sufficient evidence that they are fully immunized or have proof of immunity with serological titer against Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), Rubeola (Red Measles), Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Hepatitis B and Varicella (Chicken Pox). Students are also required to have had a PPD (tuberculin test) within three months prior to the first day of class at MCG and annually thereafter.

Reason For Policy

This policy is designed to protect students and their contacts from vaccine-preventable diseases and to insure compliance with the University System's Board of Regents Immunization Policy and requirements based on the standards of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the American College Health Association (ACHA) for adult immunizations. MCG's policy is an expanded version based on the standards for adult immunizations in healthcare workers.

Entities Affected By This Policy

All students, faculty, and administrators at the Medical College of Georgia are affected by this policy.

Who Should Read This Policy

All students enrolled at the Medical College of Georgia, its Registrar, faculty, and their support staff must be aware of this policy.

Contacts

Contact	Phone	e-mail/URL
Director, Student Health Service	706-721-3448	http://www.mcg.edu/shs/studenthealth@mcg.edu

Website Address For This Policy

<http://www.mcg.edu/aaffairs/policies/pdfs/p615.pdf>

Related Documents

Medical College of Georgia Student Health Services:

<http://www.mcg.edu/shs/immuniz.htm>

<http://www.mcg.edu/shs/Preimm.htm>

<http://www.mcg.edu/shs/preregrq.htm>

University System of Georgia:

http://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/faq/immun/immun-reqs.pdf

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

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

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/teen-schedule.htm>

Georgia Department of Human Resources:

<http://www.health.state.ga.us/programs/immunization>

American College Health Association:

http://www.acha.org/info_resources/guidelines.cfm

http://www.acha.org/info_resources/RIPIstatement.pdf

Definitions

These definitions apply to these terms as they are used in this policy.

Titer Laboratory exam (serologic) to see if an immunization has brought the antibody level up to a preventive level, which would indicate that the body has mounted an adequate immune response, and the individual is adequately protected from the disease.

PPD Tuberculosis skin test

Overview

The Medical College of Georgia Immunization Policy is designed to protect students who are in a healthcare environment and their contacts. Support is provided to all five schools and distant learning sites to ensure that medical and immunization requirements are fulfilled for registration and clinical rotations. This is not only important for students' health but is mandatory for accreditation purposes. These efforts help to fulfill major aspects of the mission of Student Health Service: to meet the individual health needs of students, to improve and enhance the overall "campus health," to aid in campus retention of students, and to contribute to the overall educational experience of MCG's student population.

Process/Procedures

1. As evidence of compliance with this policy the entering student must provide the Student Health Service with the MCG Certificate of Immunization record, signed by a public health official or private healthcare provider prior to the student's first enrollment at MCG.
2. For the immunization to be current the student must have been adequately immunized for Mumps, Rubeola, Rubella, and Polio and had a current Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis booster. Additionally, students should have received three hepatitis B vaccinations and show proof of immunity with a positive Hepatitis B surface antibody titer, preferably drawn 4-8 weeks after the third injection. The student must also show proof of immunity to Varicella (Chicken Pox) with documentation of two doses of vaccine, proof of history of disease, or a positive Varicella immunoglobulin (IgG) titer. Many clinical rotations will request a titer despite history of the disease.

3. Clearance to enroll from the Student Health Service must be received in the Registrar's office by the enrollment date or the entering student may not register.
4. The Student Health Service will provide each admissions office with clear procedures for entering students to follow to comply with this policy.
5. All entering students will be sent the procedures for complying with this policy by their admissions office in ample time, if possible, for the student to comply with the policy prior to registration. Admissions offices will also provide the Student Health Service with the names of accepted students, as far in advance of their registration date as possible.
6. Students disenrolled under the provisions of paragraph 2 (see Exceptions) will receive a full refund of tuition and fees, less any outstanding debts owed the university, and subject to meeting the requirements of any agreements, regulations or laws regarding financial aid.

Exceptions

1. The Director of Student Health may grant exceptions for individual students in cases where, in the Director's judgment, sufficient grounds based on medical or religious reasons exist to exempt the student.
2. In cases in which compliance with this policy prior to first enrollment is not feasible for the enrolling student, such as a late accepted student, the Director of Student Health may grant up to a one-month extension for the student to comply. Students granted an extension may register provisionally, and will be disenrolled if in non-compliance after the provisional date.

Appeals

Accepted students who are not permitted to enroll or are disenrolled under the provision of this policy may appeal the decision to the President of the Medical College of Georgia. The President's decision will be final as far as the university is concerned.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities each party has in connection with Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Policy 6.15, Immunization Policy, are:

Registrar	Places "Student Accepted Immunization Hold" upon acceptance of student.
Enrolling Students	Complete MCG Certificate of Immunization according to guidelines and requirements and send to Student Health Service.
Student Health Service	Audits immunization records when received and monitor need for updates until graduation of student. Places and remove immunization holds as needed to keep students up-to-date with required immunizations. Serves as point of contact for students and schools, reviews immunization records, monitors immunization status, and maintains immunization records.

Forms: All forms are found at the following Web site:

<http://www.mcg.edu/shs/preregrq.htm>

1. Registration Checklist
2. Privacy Notice Acknowledgement
3. MCG Certificate of Immunization
4. Positive PPD test questionnaire
5. Medical History Form Responsibility Statement