Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Vaccination and Immunisation Guidelines
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Purpose
This document indicates the minimum requirements that the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences requires of its students, new and existing who are enrolled in courses that require immunisation as per Department of Health Victoria standards. It identifies individual responsibilities and accountabilities in relation to these requirements.

It is mandatory that students of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences who undertake placements and fieldwork as part of their degree are required to provide evidence that they are suitably immunised against blood borne viruses.

Scope
All Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students – new and existing who are required to undertake placements as a course requirement.
All staff
All students

Definition of terms

Blood borne virus (BBV)
For the purpose of this document, the term blood borne virus includes human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV).

Exposure prone procedures (EPP)
Any procedure where there is a risk of injury to the student resulting in exposure of the patient’s open tissues to the blood of the worker. These procedures include those where the worker’s hands (whether gloved or not) may be in contact with sharp instruments, needle tips or sharp tissues (spicules of bone or teeth) inside a patient’s open body cavity, wound or confined anatomical space where the hands or fingertips may not be completely visible at all times. The nature of the EPP performed by the student can be categorised according to level of risk of transmission, in increasing order of magnitude.

Where there is uncertainty about the application of any of these defined terms, below (e.g. whether certain procedures are exposure prone) the matter may be referred to the Advisory Panel. Information regarding the Advisory Panel can be found in the Department of Health Victoria Standard, available at:

Healthcare worker (HCW)
Refers to all people involved in the delivery of health services in healthcare facilities including students and laboratory staff, particularly those persons who have regular contact with patients or any contact with blood or body substances.

Health facilities
Those private and public hospitals, and, other facilities where students undertake placements or engage in clinical activity.

Serological Testing
Laboratory tests done on blood serum to measure antibodies against antigens of the micro-organism thought to be causing the infection e.g. HBsAg

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Vaccination and Testing Required

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences requires students to vaccinate and/or test for the following diseases before commencing their placements.

- Hepatitis A
- Blood Borne Virus (BBV) - Hepatitis B surface antigen test - Hepatitis C antibody test - HIV antibody test
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella
- Varicella
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis
- Polio
- Influenza

As detailed in the Statement of Immunisation Compliance forms (Form 1, 2 & 3)

International Students

International students, both long-term fee-paying students and student on short-term electives, are subject to the same screening and immunisation standards as domestic students.

Long-term fee-paying international students are required to meet the same standards and offered the same support as domestic students.

The Faculty retains the right to require international students and other students who are at increased risk of carrying an infectious disease to undergo further screening and/or vaccinations.

School/Department Responsibilities

Provide students with access to the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences’ Vaccination and Immunisation Guidelines (this document).

Ensure that immunisation is completed prior to students undertaking their first Professional Experience Placement (PEP). Those not up to date with their immunisations or able to provide proof of appropriate immunisation will not be allowed to undertake related units of study or to progress through the program. This may have unsatisfactory academic progress implications. See http://monash.edu/legal/legislation/statutes/statute6-2-exclusion-for-unsatisfactory-progress-or-inability-to-progress.pdf

The Faculty is responsible for liaising with the Director, Bachelor of Pharmacy to ensure that Bachelor of Pharmacy students have the appropriate immunisation as a course requirement and adhere to the Guidelines.

Any data collected from service providers including the University Health Service will be stored in a secure manner as per the University Privacy Policy. The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will provide evidence, with the student’s permission, documenting the student’s compliance with the infectious diseases program as appropriate.

Academic, personal and career counselling will be made available to students with infectious diseases and blood-borne viruses, at their request. This is available from the University Health Service.

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences together with Course Convenors are nominated to coordinate, monitor and evaluate these guidelines.
Student Responsibilities

Bachelor of Pharmacy students have a duty to be aware of their immunity or infectious status to ensure they do not place others at risk of infection.

Students must comply with the immunisation and testing requirements as set out in these Guidelines.

Students are required to provide evidence of appropriate immunisation and details of their current BBV serological status to the PEP Manager(s).

Students have an obligation to undergo repeat serological testing for BBVs if the student has been exposed to an increased risk of infection, whether occupational or non-occupational. If a student’s BBV status has changed, he/she is required to complete and submit a consultation form to the PEP Manager(s).

Students who participate in exposure prone procedures, against expert medical advice, will be referred to their Unit co-ordinator or Course Director.

Students are responsible for all costs associated with the immunisation program.

Students are responsible for understanding and practicing infection control practices, including standard and additional precautions, in their clinical experiences.

In the event of **Positive HepB and/or HepC result**: Students are to print off Form 3 and attend the University Health Service, or a physician/clinic that has been referred to by your Doctor, to seek advice on their serological status.

In the event of **Positive HIV result**: Students are to print off Form 3 and attend the University Health Service, or a physician/clinic that has been referred to by your Doctor, to seek advice on their serological status.

In the event of **HepB non sero-conversion**: Students are to print off Form 4 and attend the University Health Service, or a physician/clinic that has been referred to by your Doctor, to seek advice on their immunisation status.

_It is the students’ responsibility to keep copies of all relevant serology or paperwork. Please retain an electronic copy of your records. The PEP office will not provide copies of this documentation at a later date._

Requirements

**Responsibilities of the HBV/HCV/HIV infected student (students who are not infected with HBV/HCV/HIV, must still read and understand the following)**

The infected student, like all healthcare workers must strictly adhere to standard infection control precautions.

Students who are HBV/HCV/HIV positive, must advise their preceptor of their status if they are, or have been, performing exposure prone procedures, or if it is likely that they will be called upon to perform exposure prone procedures in their current position. _Please note that as a student working in a healthcare environment; it is assumed you will be undertaking exposure prone procedures._
Contact details of medical practitioners

Students may attend any clinic. Below are some details of Monash University medical and health services and clinics near Parkville.

Monash University

**Monash University Medical and health services:** Book online for appointments in Caulfield, Clayton and Peninsula campuses

Private medical clinic

Below are the contact details for a medical clinic near the faculty. The clinic is familiar with our vaccination and immunisation requirements, and has pathology onsite.

**Brunswick Betta Health** : 30 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 8388 5200 (near the corner of Brunswick Road and Sydney Road, 9 Km away)

An appointment can be made online, or you can call the practice.

Please request an appointment with Dr Phillip Boltin or Dr Nicholas Silberstein

*Please note some of their services are bulk billed but not all of them. Please enquire about costing when you make an appointment.*

Relevant documents:

Student Immunisation and Infection Risk Policy

Immunisation and Vaccination Compliance Procedure

Form 1 – Immunisation Compliance

Form 2 - Statement of Compliance - Influenza

Form 3 - Statement of Compliance – BBV Status (HepB and/or HepC)

Student Procedure Map
**Other related**

Department of Health:

Unsatisfactory Academic Progress
http://monash.edu/legal/legislation/statutes/statute6-2-exclusion-for-unsatisfactory-progress-or-inability-to-progress.pdf

Guidelines for Health and Safety during Student and Staff Placements (OHS)
