Required Immunisation applicable for student intake 2012 and 2013

Please note that as a Health and Safety pre-requisite only students who are certified to be immune from Hepatitis B can be allowed for clinical attachments at Mater Dei Hospital. Accepted first year students should have completed a full course of Hepatitis B vaccination and submitted their relative lab report of their Seroconversion Titre by 30th June 2015.

Students who took the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine in the past need to follow the procedure marked A, as a Seroconversion Titre might be enough, depending on the result. Other students who did not take the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine need to follow the procedure marked B and then follow the procedure marked A.

What is a SeroConversation Titre?

http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/hbvfaq.htm

Procedure A: Local Students who took the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine in the past need to follow this procedure:

1. Students should go to the area Health Centre of their locality from Monday to Friday from 0800 to 1700hrs or on Saturday from 0800 to 1300hrs. They should see the doctor, make a formal request and an appointment for the Seroconversion titre.
2. Those students who have not yet reached their 18th birthday need to produce a letter of consent for Hepatitis B antibody level testing signed by the parent or guardian. The full name of the parent or guardian must be printed below the signature on the letter of consent.
3. Students should take with them the following documents to the Health Centre:
   a. the National Identity Card;
   b. the Immunization Record
   c. the Letter of Acceptance sent by the Registrar’s Office of the University of Malta; and
   d. Annex 1 duly filled in.
4. It is very important that students adhere to the appointment given.
5. The Health Centre Staff will guide students as to when results should be collected from the respective Health Centre.

Procedure B: Local Students who did not take the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine in the past need to follow this procedure:

1. Students should go to the National Immunisation Services Floriana from Monday to Friday from 0800 to 1330hrs.
2. Those students who have not yet reached their majority age of 18 need to produce a letter of consent for Hepatitis B vaccination signed by a parent or guardian. The full name of the parent or guardian must be printed below the signature on the letter of consent.
3. Students should take with them the following documents to the National Immunisation Services, Floriana:
a. The National Identity Card;
b. the Immunization Record;
c. the Letter of Acceptance sent by the Registrar’s Office of the University of Malta; and
d. Annex 2 duly filled in.

4. The Immunisation Staff will evaluate the immunization status and advice will be given on pending vaccines. Hepatitis B vaccine will be administered to those who require it. Post-vaccination seroconversion titre should be done 6-8 weeks after the last dose of the Hepatitis B vaccination course. For the post-vaccination seroconversion titre students need to follow Procedure A.

Titre results of all local and international should be submitted to the Faculty Officer on Campus, Department of Pharmacy to be assessed by the Occupational Health Unit.

All students (local and international) who have a low antibody titre even after taking the 3 Hepatitis B vaccinations (doses) and a booster dose are required to fill in the Consent Form in Annex 3 in order to get authorization for clinical placements at any teaching hospital.
Hepatitis B Antibodies

Applicants who have taken the three doses of Hepatitis B Immunisations are required to fill in the form below and present it to the respective Health Centre of their locality from Monday to Friday from 0800 hrs to 1700 hrs or Saturday from 0800 to 1300hrs.

It is important that you take with you your immunization record, your national identity card and the University Library identity card.

Surname: __________________________
Name: __________________________
I.D.Number: ______________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
Town: ___________________________ Post Code: _____________
Mobile Number: ____________________ Tel. Number: ______________
Date of Birth: _____________________
Signature: _________________________ Date: ______________
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Applicants who have not taken any Hepatitis B Immunisations are required to fill in the form below and present it to the National Immunisation Services (NIS), Floriana Health Centre from Monday to Friday from 08:00 hrs to 13:30 hrs.

It is important that you take with you your immunization record, your national identity card and the University Library identity card

Surname: _______________________
Name: _______________________
I.D.Number: ____________________
Address: _______________________________________________________
Town: _______________________ Post Code: _______________
Mobile Number: _______________ Tel. Number: _______________
Date of Birth: ________________
Signature: _____________________ Date: ________________
ANNEX 3

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CONSENT FORM

I, the undersigned, understand and agree that since, following three doses of a Hepatitis B vaccine my titre is not yet greater than 10IU/ml, I am allowed to do all clinical attachments however I may not:

• perform any interventions that involve the use of sharps on patients;
• go to the operating theatres and participate as an assistant in any operation.

I bind myself to report any exposure to blood or body fluids (including needle stick injuries) to the Occupational Health or Infection Control Departments where I will be attached.

I also understand and agree that Infection Control may be carrying out further tests in this regard and that a final strategy shall be communicated in due course.

____________________________ Signature

____________________________ Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

____________________________ Identification Number

____________________________ Mobile Number

Approved by Faculty Board 16th December 2014