

Information for Medical Practitioners

Regarding Immunisation & Infection Risk for MBBS students

All Monash University Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) students are required to comply with a number of procedures to ensure that the risk of cross-infection of communicable diseases during the course of their training is minimised.

Graduate medical students at the Gippsland Campus are required to have a consultation with a Medical Practitioner to ensure that these requirements have been met.

Procedures to be covered are as follows:

- The student will provide a completed Vaccination and Infectious Disease History Questionnaire. The initial screening appointment involves discussion of Immunisation and Serology Status and updating of this if required. This will include a Mantoux or QuantiFERON TB Gold test (for Tuberculosis) and then referral to a Pathology Provider to have bloods taken for HIV, Hep A, B & C;
- If Mantoux tested, a follow up appointment is to be made **3 days** later for the reading of the test. **This is essential** as the test is **NOT** valid if not read at this time. This appointment should be made after the student has completed the initial screening appointment;
- A follow up appointment is made with the Medical Practitioner one week later to go through the blood test and/or Mantoux test results and to commence vaccinations as required.
- Assessment of TB test results should be made by the Medical Practitioner in conjunction with the student's Immunisation and Disease History. If appropriate, referral to an Infectious Disease Specialist for follow up should be attended to as per DHS Guidelines http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/general/guide_hcw
- Discussion of implications for the student as a medical trainee, and subsequently as a doctor, should he/she be a carrier of a particular blood-borne virus. See <http://medicalboardvic.org.au/pdf/InfectDisease03.pdf> for the Medical Practitioners Board Policy statement on Blood Borne Infectious Diseases;
- Discussion of any risk factors he/she might have for blood-borne viral infections outside of normal student duties, and how these risks may be minimised.
- Provision of a Vaccination Statement outlining completion of faculty requirements.

Medical practitioners must sign the '**Confirmation of consultation**' form provided by the student and return it with the Vaccination Statement to the student.

Further Queries

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