

Information for Medical Practitioners

Regarding Immunisations and Infection Risk for Nutrition and Dietetics Students

All Monash University Nutrition and Dietetics 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 minimized.

It is expected that the procedure for students attending their own medical practitioners is the same as for those attending the University Health Service.

Procedures to be covered are as follows:

- The student will provide a completed Vaccination History Questionnaire. The initial screening appointment involves discussion of Immunisation and Serology Status, followed by a Mantoux test (a skin test for Tuberculosis) and then referral to a Pathology Provider to have bloods taken for HIV, Hep A (if recommended) B and C;
- If mantoux tested, a follow up appointment is to be made **3 days** later for the reading of the Mantoux 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 GP 1 week later to go through the blood tests and/or Mantoux test results and to commence vaccinations 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/ideas/diseases/tb_mgmt_guide.htm);
- Discussion of implications for the student as a dietetics trainee and subsequently as a Dietitian, 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.

Medical practitioners need to sign the '**Confirmation of Consultation**' form provided by the student and return it to the student who will then return it to Course Administrator, Nutrition and Dietetics Unit, Level 5, Block E, MMC, 246 Clayton Road, Clayton, VIC 3168.

Immunisation and Infection Risk

Confirmation of Consultation

I certify that I have seen Monash University Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics student

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

_____ **Post Code** _____

For the following purpose:

- (i) review of his/her immunisation status (as per recommended childhood immunisation schedule) and updating of this, including arranging of Mantoux and other testing if required;
- (ii) discussion and follow through with appropriate testing for blood-borne viruses which may be transmitted, in the course of normal duties between health care workers and patients;
- (iii) discussion of implications for the student and subsequently as a doctor, should he/she be a carrier of a particular blood-borne virus;
- (iv) 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.

The student has been provided with a copy of relevant test results and his/her vaccination summary.

Practitioner Name.....**Provider No**.....

Signed.....**Date:** / /2008

Address.....

.....**Post Code**.....

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