

HEPATITIS B IMMUNISATION POLICY

1. Human biological samples are studied in the research laboratories of the Medical and Biological Sciences Building. Human Tissue is used in the Anatomy suite. UG students conduct occasional phlebotomy practical teaching in the clinical skills area. These activities represent a hazard to health for all persons using the facilities. The School considers that it will be mandatory for all staff/students and visiting scholars (where appropriate) whose research is based primarily in the School's research labs, and staff employed in the DR and clinical skills area to be immunised against Hepatitis B.
2. Immunisation for School of Medicine staff and students will be arranged by the School, and costs will be borne by the School of Medicine, irrespective of the "home school" of the lab user. This will be provided by an independent healthcare provider or NHS Occupational Health (UG students).
3. The procedure will be available to staff and PG students who:
 - a. Have never been vaccinated. In this case a course of three vaccinations over a three-month period followed by a blood test between 4 and 16 weeks after the final dose.
 - b. Have had a full course and have a certificate. In this case a single dose will be administered if it is longer than 5 years since the last dose. A further blood test is not needed.
 - c. Have had a course of vaccinations in the past but have no record of a blood test. In this case a single dose of the vaccine and a blood test 4 weeks later is recommended.
4. Once immunisation is complete individuals will be issued with a certificate for GP's notes confirming dates and vaccinations received. The participant and school will also receive a completion certificate. Copies of certificates will also be held by the Research Administration Support team, with the Lab Manager having oversight of the records.
5. Hep B screening and immunisation is part of the UG medical students healthcare requirements.
6. Process, with effect from 5 April 2017. Staff and PhD students will be asked to register for an appointment. There will be an initial time for to attend and complete a form following which will be an immunisation/screening/discussion as to course of action. Appointments will take place either in the clinical skills suite or room 201.

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