



Policy Name: Blood-borne Virus Infections

Pertinent to: Students / Resident Teachers / Faculty

Purpose: Procedure for individuals who carry blood-borne pathogens.

Policy on Students Known to be Infected with Blood-borne Viruses (e.g., Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV)

Individuals who carry blood-borne pathogens might not be permitted to perform certain procedures that may pose a risk to patients and co-workers.

Students who are infected with Hepatitis B and/or C or HIV and/or any other blood-borne pathogen have a professional obligation to notify the Associate Dean of UGME upon admission into to the program. Specific measures will be undertaken by the Associate Dean of UGME. Rotations may be modified for these students due to these circumstances.

The student will be referred to the *Service d'évaluation des risques de transmission d'infections hématogènes* (SERTIH). Modifications to clinical rotations may be made. The student will be assisted in acquiring appropriate health care. Specific career counselling will be given. Students will be advised not to select residency programs where patient safety would be put at risk. This may limit the residency programs to which the student may apply.

Students who become infected with blood-borne viruses during medical school have a professional obligation to notify the Associate Dean on discovery.

Should core clinical rotations need to be modified, notation of this will be made in the Medical Student Performance Record (MSPR/Dean's letter). The student is professionally responsible to self-disclose their infection status to the residency program to which the student matches.

For more information regarding potential consequences of blood borne illness see information provided by the Blood Borne Infection Risk Assessment Unit (SERTIH) Institut National de santé publique du Québec available on the following web

link: <https://www.inspq.qc.ca/en/expertise/infectious-diseases/blood-borne-infection-risk-assessment-unit>

Des informations sur les risques des infections transmissibles par le sang et du service d'évaluation des risques de transmission d'infections hématogènes (SERTIH) sont disponibles sur le lien suivant par L'institut National de santé publique du Québec <https://www.inspq.qc.ca/expertises/maladies-infectieuses/infections-nosocomiales-et-risques-infectieux-en-milieu-de-soins/service-d-evaluation-des-risques-de-transmission-d-infections-hematogenes>
