McGill Faculty of Medicine Faculté de Médecine

Policy Name: Immunization

Pertinent to: Students

Purpose: To ensure students provide evidence of appropriate vaccination so they are not exposed to undue health risks and do not pose a risk to their patients.

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To assure that students are not exposed to undue health risks and do not pose a risk to their patients, upon starting medical and dental school students must provide evidence of appropriate vaccination according to the information provided by the McGill Student Health Service: http://www.mcgill.ca/studenthealth/immunize/forms

All students must be immunized against Hepatitis B and all students must have Hepatitis B titres (HbsAb) measured. Non-converters will be tested for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HbsAg). Non-converters will be offered counseling by Student Health Service. Students who test positive for the surface antigen will be referred to the Undergraduate Associate Dean. If repeat serology does not confirm immunity, and the person is not a carrier, they will be given the option of another series of vaccines or a series of intradermal vaccines to attempt sero-conversion.

Annual vaccination for influenza is mandatory for all students. The student should retain proof of vaccination.

Vaccination against other infectious diseases may be required, if need arises.

You have access to McGill Student Health Service as soon as you are accepted into the program. You must call 514-398-6017 to make an appointment.

If you choose to complete your immunizations through your family physician or your CLSC, make sure to follow the McGill immunization requirements since McGill Student Health Service will not accept different immunization protocols.

The completed form(s) must be returned to Student Health Service by July 31st. All immunization requirements must be met by July 31st. Students who do not meet these requirements may be asked to withdraw.

Note

In regards to the policy on Blood Borne Virus Infections please go to: http://www.mcgill.ca/ugme/academic-policies/infection-control-immunization/blood-borne-virus-infections

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