

Purpose: IMMUNIZATION POLICY

The Health and Safety Program of the San Juan Bautista School of Medicine describes this policy which reflects the commitment of the Institution to ensuring the health and safety of the students enrolled in the medical program. As medical students they may be at risk of exposure to infectious diseases, some of which are preventable by vaccination.

Once admitted to the medical school, and before registration, the candidates are required to be immunized against Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Mumps and Pertusis, Rubeola (Red Measles), and Rubella (German Measles), or present a proof of having had such immunizations to avoid been re-immunized.

The students must show proof of a non-reactive Tuberculin skin test or appropriate treatment if positive. Individuals with a history of reactive Tuberculin skin test must provide as part of the documents for admission, a medical certificate which includes a chest x-ray, indicating that is currently clear of Tuberculosis. Besides all the students admitted to the medical school are required to present a health certificate, which by law in Puerto Rico, includes VDRL test.

Students with a history of varicella should have it documented, and those without such a history must have a titer for varicella antibody determined. Students with a negative titer are recommended to undergo varicella immunization.

Immunizations***Hepatitis B***

This immunization consists of a series of three doses that should be completed prior to or as soon as possible after matriculation to insure safety at the time of patient contact. Students who are not in compliance may be barred from participation in clinical activities.

Rubella

Rubella immunity via history or documented vaccine or serologic titer is required before a student will be allowed to participate in clinical activities.

Rubeola

Immunization is required for all students born after 1957. Students must provide physician documentation of 1) the natural disease, 2) receipt of two doses of the vaccine, or 3) serologic evidence of immunity is required before a student will be allowed to participate in clinical activities.

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Mumps

Mumps immunization is required, a documented history prepared by a physician of the immunization; disease or documented evidence for immunity, is required before a student will be allowed to participate in clinical activities.

Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis

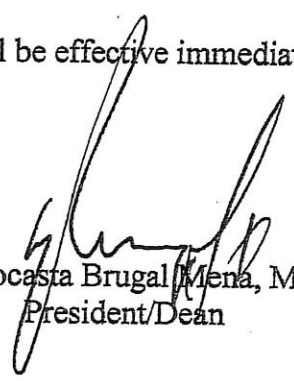
Immunization against polio, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis is required before a student will be allowed to participate in clinical activities.

Varicella

Students with a history of varicella should have it documented, and those without such a history must have a titer for varicella antibody determined. Students with a negative titer are recommended to undergo varicella immunization. This immunization is required before a student will be allowed to participate in clinical activities.

Effectivity:

The dispositions contained in this Executive Order will be effective immediately.



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