Policy on Immunizations

Policy can be found at this link: [http://campushealth.unc.edu/services/immunizations/health-science-students-immunizations.html](http://campushealth.unc.edu/services/immunizations/health-science-students-immunizations.html)

The UNC PA program complies with the immunization recommendations for both the State of North Carolina and those set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Acceptance to the PA Program is contingent upon completion of the immunization requirements and submission of the documentation.

The following immunizations are required for Physician Assistant students:

- **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis**: 3 DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), Td (tetanus, diphtheria), or Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) doses (this fulfills the primary series requirement) with date of completion of the primary series; 1 booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine after completion of the primary series. A booster dose is required every 10 years.

- **Measles/Mumps/Rubella**: 2 Measles (rubeola), 2 Mumps, 1 Rubella doses (2MMR doses meet this requirement) OR positive titers.

- **Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)**: 2-step TST completed within the previous 6 months of 1st day of class; 1-step TST required annually thereafter. Students with a positive TST are required to consult with Campus Health Services for further evaluation and counseling. Campus Health Services will decide if a chest x-ray is warranted and will require an annual system review. Any student who feels he/she has been exposed to TB during the year is also encouraged to have an additional skin test performed at that time. If a student has had TB in the past, written verification of appropriate treatment is required. The student is required to complete a form available from Campus Health Services annually, which monitors potential symptoms of this disease. The presence of symptoms may necessitate an additional chest x-ray.

- **Varicella (chicken pox)**: A positive varicella titer or two dates of immunization done four to six weeks apart OR immunity by positive titer. An affidavit of having the disease is not accepted.

- **Three Hepatitis B immunizations and a positive QUANTITATIVE serologic Hepatitis B titer**: (Documentation must show date of immunizations and date of the quantitative results of titer.) Please be advised that it takes a minimum of seven (7) months to complete this requirement.

- **Influenza**: each fall

These requirements must be sent to Campus Health Services in the Immunization and Health History Form that can be found at on the [http://connectcarolina.unc.edu](http://connectcarolina.unc.edu) home page, under the “More Student Links” heading. Once the online form has been completed, you will need to send the printed, signed copy of ALL immunizations to the PA program to be filed.

Each student must update their influenza and PPD status and statement of good health every 12 months or more frequently if required by a clinical site to which the student is assigned.

Students are advised that the information above may be released to third parties to facilitate their clinical placements.

All students accepted for admission must document with the program no later than July 1 that all immunizations or appropriate titers