

**BURRELL COLLEGE
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
POLICY MANUAL**

SECTION: General – Student Administration

BCOM Policy 3109

TOPIC: Immunization Requirements

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Purpose

This Policy describes the requirements for students to follow regarding immunizations. It is designed to reflect the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control recommendation for Healthcare Workers, which includes medical students.

Scope

This Policy applies to all students enrolled or accepted to the DO program at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Definitions

CDC: Center for Disease Control. An agency with the Department of Health and Human Services that makes tracks disease and makes recommendations for wellness and disease prevention in the United States.

Prior to matriculation: the time before the first day of registration as a student in the DO program.

Policy

All student enrolled in the DO program need to show evidence of having obtained the following immunization and tests as part of their clinical education compliance. **It is the responsibility of the student have appropriate form (appendix A) completed by a healthcare professional and to provide their records to the office of admissions as part of their enrollment in the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.**

1. **Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (IgG):** Titers must reflect positive immunity within six (6) months of matriculation. Inadequate immunity will require a booster followed by a titer re-drawn at least four (4) weeks after the booster. [Please note that students with chronic active hepatitis B or those found to be non-responders to the hepatitis B vaccine series will not need to repeat the series.]
2. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):**
 - a. TWO (2) doses after 1978 (each dose in the 2-dose series must be spaced at least four (4) weeks apart, with the first dose given **after** 1st birthday). Individuals who received the MMR vaccines in or prior to 1978 will need to meet the requirements in “b” below.

OR:

- b. Titers (IgG) showing immunity for *each* disease within six (6) months of matriculation: Rubeola (Measles), Rubella, Mumps. COPIES OF LAB RESULTS ARE REQUIRED.
3. **Annual Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** Obtain immunization between September 1st and November 1st. Provide documentation of immunization to the office of Student Affairs on or before December 1st. Only

students that have a previous anaphylactic reaction after receiving any influenza vaccine or vaccine component, or history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of previous influenza vaccination will be exempt from this requirement.

4. **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis):** One (1) dose of adult Tdap. If the last dose is more than 10 years old, another dose of Tdap or Td is required.
5. **Varicella (Chickenpox):** Positive Varicella Titer (IgG) within six (6) months of matriculation. A COPY OF LAB RESULT IS REQUIRED.
6. **Tuberculosis Screening:**
 - a. **UPON ENTRY TO THE DO PROGRAM:**
 - i. A Two-Step Tuberculosis Skin Test (aka TST or PPD—two separate placements and two separate results) is required within six (6) months of matriculation. Each test placement must be separated by one week.
 - ii. A current T-Spot or QuantiFERON Gold TB test within six (6) months of matriculation.
OR
 - iii. History of Positive TB Test: Provide documentation of positive TB test result. A chest X-ray obtained within six (6) months of matriculation, and treatment completion (if applicable).
 - b. **ANNUALLY:**
 - i. A TB Skin test (aka TST, PPD) placed day 0 and read within the 48 to 72-hour time period.
OR
 - ii. A T-spot or QuantiFERON Gold TB test
OR
 - iii. A symptoms screen (only those with a documented prior history of a positive TB test and negative chest x-ray).

References:

www.Cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/hcw.html accessed 9/11/2016.

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/contraindications-adults.html accessed 9/11/2016.