

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Columbus, Ohio

SUBJECT: MEDICAL STAFF IMMUNIZATION STATUS

POLICY:

All members of the Children's Hospital Medical Staff must provide information concerning their immunity or immunization for measles, rubella and hepatitis B.

PURPOSE:

To protect patients and staff at Children's Hospital and to reduce the risk of acquisition of measles, rubella and hepatitis B by Medical Staff.

PROCEDURE:

- A. The following information will be required for appointment to the Children's Hospital Medical Staff:
1. Measles immunity:
 - a. Medical staff born in 1957 or earlier who have a history of measles infection require no other evidence of immunity.
 - b. Medical staff born after 1957 must provide information concerning measles immunity (2 doses of live measles vaccine with one after 1980 or presence of serum antibodies to measles).
 2. Rubella immunity:
 - a. Medical staff must provide information concerning rubella immunity (vaccine or presence of serum antibodies to rubella).
 3. Hepatitis B immunity:
 - a. Medical staff must provide information concerning hepatitis B immunity (hepatitis B vaccine given in the appropriate fashion [minimum of four months between the second and third doses]).
 - b. Medical staff who are hepatitis B surface antibody positive as a result of natural infection do not require the vaccine series.

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- c. Medical staff who are hepatitis B surface antigen positive as a result of a chronic hepatitis B infection do not require vaccine series.

The department chief will be advised of any member of the medical staff who is hepatitis B surface antigen positive as a result of chronic hepatitis B infection. The department chief in consultation with the Medical Director and Physician Director of Epidemiology will determine whether a change in medical and/or surgical practice is required.

4. Varicella:

- a. Medical staff must provide information concerning varicella immunity. The varicella vaccine is strongly encouraged if no prior history of chickenpox/zoster or a positive antibody to varicella-zoster virus.

B. Mumps immunity:

Medical staff should provide information concerning mumps immunity (vaccine or presence of serum antibodies to mumps).

C. Forms:

Completed forms will be kept in the Medical Staff Office. All materials will be confidentially maintained.

D. Waiver:

Those who are not immune to measles, rubella or hepatitis B and are not able to receive the respective vaccine(s) because of pregnancy, religious beliefs or medical contraindications to any of these vaccines will be required to sign a waiver. The department chief in consultation with the Medical Director and the Physician Director of Epidemiology will determine if the waiver is appropriate.

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