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Infectious Diseases Regulations for
Entrants to the Medical School at
National University of Ireland, Galway
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Dear Incoming Student,

Owing to National Regulations concerning the immunization status of individuals working in healthcare (www.hpsc.ie) you are required to provide documentation to the School of Medicine, NUI Galway concerning your immunization status as outlined below.

In order for you to be allowed to commence clinical activity, you must provide the School of Medicine with evidence of satisfactory immunity to the following infectious diseases:

- 1) Hepatitis B
- 2) Hepatitis C
- 3) Pulmonary Tuberculosis
- 4) Chickenpox
- 5) Measles
- 6) Mumps
- 7) Rubella

Students are not routinely screened for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). As per the Medical Council's Code of Conduct, any student who believes he/she has been exposed to, or has contracted HIV, is ethically obliged to notify the Student Health Unit for advice and support. Any student that has, or is discovered to have, a blood-borne infection e.g., HIV, Hep B or C, will be put in contact with the Student Health Unit and subsequently the Infectious Disease service at Galway University Hospital for further advice and management.

Screening for the above listed infections may be completed at the Student Health Unit, NUIG

All incoming medical students to the School of Medicine are requested to attend the Student Health Unit (SHU) on NUI Galway campus (directions and contact details available at the college website www.nuigalway.ie). Vaccinations for relevant infectious diseases can and should be completed prior to arrival in Ireland, for those with incomplete vaccination series, outstanding vaccines may be received at the SHU. Please ensure to bring vaccination records with you. In line with national policy for screening for blood-borne viruses (Hepatitis B and C), all laboratory



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documentation is required to be conducted at National Laboratories, for this reason serology will not be accepted from countries outside of Ireland. **International students should not bring laboratory reports from their home country** as these will likely have to be repeated on arrival in Ireland.

Students resident in Ireland may undergo serological testing in Ireland (see below) prior to commencement in September; only results from blood samples taken in the **six months** prior to registration will be considered.

COST

All costs must be met by you.

The Student Health Unit may charge up to €250 depending on the extent of visits, vaccinations etc., costs will cover the following: **To be Paid by Cheque/Cash**

- Blood sample(s) required for screening.
- Transportation and retrieval from laboratory.
- All **necessary** follow up vaccinations, to include full Hepatitis B vaccination series, MMR and Varicella, screening for Tuberculosis & all other tests if required for infectious diseases listed.
- Result interpretation/record on file in Student Health Unit.
- The Student Health Unit will liaise with the School of Medicine regarding each student's eligibility to commence clinical placement.

Please be aware that you are embarking on a largely patient-based curriculum, failure to comply with infectious disease regulations will result in a delay in the start time for your clinical contact learning.

THANK YOU



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Students Resident in Ireland

Please obtain vaccination records from your general practitioner/health clinic.

History of measles/mumps/rubella/varicella infection will not be accepted.

You *may complete* serological tests with your general practitioner within 6 months of commencing at NUI Galway, ask him/her to check the following:

Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) level

Hepatitis B core antibody (HBcAb) level

Hepatitis B surface antibody (titre > 100u/ml) (HBsAb) level

Hepatitis C antibody level (HCV Ab)

Varicella titre

Measles titre

Please ensure that GP verifies your ID with passport/driving license.

Vaccination record needs to show the following:

BCG vaccine *if received*

MMR vaccine x two doses *if received*

Hepatitis B vaccine x three doses *if received*

Varicella vaccine x two doses *if received*

In the absence of receipt of the varicella vaccine, documented immunity to varicella needs to be shown; again a history of the condition will not suffice.

For those students that do not have a BCG scar, screening for tuberculosis is typically not available with general practitioners and should be completed at the SHU.

All of the above laboratory tests may be completed at the SHU following registration.



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Students Resident outside of Ireland

Please obtain vaccination records from your general practitioner/health clinic.
History of measles/mumps/rubella/varicella will not be accepted.

Vaccination record needs to show the following:

BCG vaccine *if received*

MMR vaccine x two doses

Hepatitis B vaccine x three doses

Varicella vaccine x two doses *if received*

For those students that do not have a BCG scar screening for tuberculosis should be completed at the SHU.

Serology results will not be accepted at laboratories outside of Ireland; for this reason please **do not bring laboratory results** with you.

Note that infectious disease regulations in Ireland require a hepatitis B titre of >100u/ml to confer immunity.

All necessary laboratory tests may be completed at the SHU following registration. Relevant questionnaires will be completed by all students prior to any vaccination, Mantoux test or laboratory testing.



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Student Health Unit

National University of Ireland, Galway
Located on campus in Áras na Mac Léinn (next to college bar)
Second floor beside the Students' Union Office

Screening Visits will commence end September to end October 2011

**PLEASE CALL 091 492604
TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT**

Or

**healthunit@nuigalway.ie
for further information**

**Additional information available from
Therese.dixon@nuigalway.ie
In the Faculty Office of the School of Medicine**

ON DAY OF APPOINTMENT PLEASE BRING:

**VALID IDENTIFICATION i.e., PASSPORT OR DRIVING LICENCE
REGISTRATION RECEIPT
VACCINATION RECORD
RELEVANT LABORATORY RESULTS IF RESIDENT IN IRELAND**

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/CASH ON THE DAY