

# MB ChB - WARWICK MEDICAL SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT

### OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEDICAL STUDENTS

Your medical training will include placements in clinical environments and you will be in contact with staff, patients and visitors and, potentially, blood and body fluids. There is a risk of disease transmission during these contacts and you are required to see your doctor to be vaccinated against the infections listed in the table below. All working environments will have been risk assessed to ensure that you are provided with a safe place to work and safe systems to work to. However, there is action that you must take to ensure that you are protected against communicable diseases **before** you go into a clinical environment.

**Q. What do I need to do *before* I start?**

**A. Make sure that you contact your own doctor to ensure that you are vaccinated against the infections listed in the table below. Actions are in highlighted in bold.**

| VACCINATION  | SCHEDULE   |
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| <b>TUBERCULOSIS</b><br><b>Mantoux Test or BCG Vaccination</b>  | If you have had a BCG, you should have a scar which is commonly found on your upper arm.<br><br>Students from high TB risk areas of the world will be offered Quantiferon test (blood test) to eliminate latent TB.  |
| <b>HEPATITIS B</b><br><b>Vaccination and Immunity</b>  | Primary Course of 3 injections and antibody check 6 weeks after last dose. Titre 10 -100 miu/ML give booster.<br>Titre >100 miu/ML give booster at 5years. Non-responders will be advised re further action.<br><b>Please provide a copy of the result</b>   |
| <b>RUBELLA / MEASLES / MUMPS</b>   | Vaccination is now in the form of MMR. (2 Doses required)<br><b>Please provide documentary evidence of MMR vaccination or positive antibody titre levels.</b>  |
| <b>TETANUS, POLIO &amp; DIPHTHERIA</b><br>(combined)   | Primary Course then re-enforcing dose after 10 years. (Childhood record) Boosters only to be given for a significant injury or travel.   |
| <b>VARICELLA</b><br>(This may not be available from your doctor. You will be advised when you commence the course) | If the individual has a definite history of chickenpox/shingles then no further action.<br>If no history then a blood test will be undertaken to ascertain if negative or positive result. <b>Please provide a copy if you have one</b><br>If positive no further action.<br>If negative vaccination will be offered which is 2 doses of vaccine 6-8 weeks apart |
| <b>EXPOSURE PRONE PROCEDURES</b>   | Blood can be taken for antigen status check when you attend for screening on course commencement.<br><b>It is not mandatory but you may wish to give this some thought before you see the OH Advisor.</b>  |
| <b>HEPATITIS B ANTIGEN</b>   |  |
| <b>HIV Antibody</b>  |  |
| <b>HEPATITIS C</b><br><b>No Vaccine Available</b>  | Blood can be taken for antibody status check when you attend for screening on course commencement.<br><b>It is not mandatory but you may wish to give this some thought before you see the OH Advisor.</b>   |

**Please make sure you provide your vaccination information and blood results with your health form which will be sent to you for before commencing the course.**

**EXPOSURE PRONE PROCEDURES (EPP)** - This is required for Theatres, Gynaecology or Emergency Medicine. Hepatitis B Antigen, Hepatitis C Antibody and HIV Antibody must be to DOH standard. Therefore will be or have been done by a UK NHS Occupational Health Department.