



Title:	Blood-Borne Communicable Diseases Policy and Guidelines	Number:	032
Approved By:	MD Undergraduate Education Committee		
Approval Date:	12 December 2022	Next Review:	01 November 2025
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Audience:	Years 1-4 Students (all sites), Faculty and Staff		
Purpose:	To provide information about the responsibilities of students with respect to blood-borne communicable diseases, and the implications for a student having such a condition.		
Related Policies and Procedures:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia: Practice Standard for Blood-Borne Viruses in Registrants 2. UBC Board of Governors Policy LR7: Disability Accommodation Policy 3. Faculty of Medicine, MDUP: Blood or Body Fluid (BBF) Exposure 4. Faculty of Medicine, MDUP: Leave of Absence Policy #002 5. Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) Management of Healthcare Personnel Living with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, or Human Immunodeficiency Virus in US Healthcare Institutions 		
Exclusions:	None		
Calendar Statement:	None		
Contact:	Associate Dean, Student Affairs		

Preamble

It is a professional standard of the College of Physicians of British Columbia (CSPBC) that "all registrants are expected to maintain their own wellness, which includes knowing their own serological and infectious status and being appropriately immunized and/or receiving treatment."

Students should consider meeting with a Centre for Accessibility advisor to determine accommodation needs related to the blood-borne viruses (BBV) status on admission or when they become aware of such status. Students may wish to confidentially discuss their BBV status with Student Affairs to help with understanding possible implications with respect to clinical placements.

Definitions

Blood Borne Viruses (BBV)	Blood-borne viruses (BBV) refers specifically to hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and/or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) - CPSBC <i>definition</i> .
College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC)	The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia regulates the practice of medicine under the authority of provincial law. All physicians who practise medicine and medical students in the province must be registrants of the College.



Exposure-Prone Procedures (EPPs)	Exposure-Prone Procedures are invasive procedures where there is a higher than average risk that injury to the health-care worker may result in the exposure of the patient's open tissues to the blood or body fluid of the worker.
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Policy

1. As registrants of the CPSBC, MDUP students must comply with the [Professional Standards and Guidelines for Blood-borne Viruses in Registrants](#). Of particular importance for this policy, the CPSBC considers medical students to be registrants who perform or may potentially perform EPPs.
2. Students must be immunized against hepatitis B virus and must be tested for hepatitis C virus, HIV and hepatitis B virus (unless confirmed immune) in order to obtain an educational license from the CPSBC.

Guidelines

1. The MDUP is not responsible for testing, reporting or monitoring students' BBV status.
2. If a student tests positive for a BBV, ongoing monitoring is done by the student's health care practitioner.
3. Students should consider meeting with a Centre for Accessibility advisor to determine accommodation needs related to the BBV status on admission or when they become aware of such status. Students may wish to confidentially discuss their BBV status with Student Affairs to help with understanding possible implications with respect to clinical placements BBV.

Review History

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