

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
STUDENT HEALTH RECORD POLICY**

BACKGROUND

Students involved in patient-care activities are at higher risk than the general population for acquiring communicable diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, and tuberculosis. A pharmacy student who has one of these diseases may, in turn, infect other personnel and patients. Such infections established in any health care facility are serious in their potential for medical and possible legal complications. Therefore Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has a policy of immunization that all pharmacy students must follow. This policy conforms with the Texas Statute Title 25 Health Services, SS97.61-97.77 of the Texas Administrative Code that requires all students to be fully immunized during their patient care experiences.

PROCEDURE

Prior to enrollment in the School of Pharmacy, Candidates are required to obtain a history of their immunizations and vaccinations. Documentation of immunizations and vaccinations must be provided by written documentation of a health care provider (physician, nurse, or pharmacist), and must include the type of immunization/vaccination received, the date, and the signature of the health care provider who administered the immunization/vaccination. High school transcripts with medical record, baby records from parents, Visa documents and similar documents are acceptable for documentation. Documentation must be provided for the following:

TTUHSC Undergraduate Students, Medical Students, Interns, Residents, and Fellows	
<u>Tetanus/Diphtheria:</u>	Tetanus/Diphtheria toxoid (Td) is required for students enrolled in health- related courses. Students enrolled in health-related courses must have received one dose of Td within the past ten years.
<u>Measles:</u>	All students born after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either: (1) two doses of measles vaccine administered since January 1, 1968, and on or after their first birthday and at least 28 days apart; or (2) at least one dose of measles vaccine administered on or after their first birthday. Completion of the measles requirement must be accomplished as rapidly as is medically feasible, or serologic confirmation of measles immunity or serologic evidence of infection must be shown. Many times this vaccine is administered as a MMR dose. If you have the MMR (mumps, measles, rubella), you must have two doses.
<u>Rubella:</u>	All students enrolled in health-related courses must show proof of either: (1) one dose of rubella vaccine administered on or after their first birthday; or (2) serologic confirmation of rubella immunity, or (3) serologic evidence of infection.
<u>Mumps:</u>	All students who were born on or after January 1, 1957 must show prior to patient contact, proof of either: (1) one dose of mumps vaccine

	administered on or after their first birthday; or (2) serologic confirmation of mumps immunity, or (3) serologic evidence of infection.
<u>Hepatitis B:</u>	All medical students, residents, and interns shall receive a complete series of Hepatitis B vaccine or show serologic confirmation of immunity to Hepatitis B virus. All students who are incompletely immunized to Hepatitis B virus prior to the start of direct patient care shall complete the series as rapidly as is medically feasible, show serologic confirmation of immunity to Hepatitis B virus, or show serologic evidence of infection.
<u>Varicella:</u>	Varicella vaccine is required of students enrolled in health-related courses. One dose of vaccine is required for students who received this vaccine prior to 13 years of age; two doses are required for students who were not vaccinated before their thirteenth birthday. All doses of this vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. A history of varicella illness (chickenpox) validated by the student, the student's parent, or the student's physician, or serologic confirmation of varicella immunity is acceptable in lieu of vaccine.
<u>Flu:</u>	Each year during flu season (generally available in October) all students will be required to obtain the flu vaccine. Any student who is allergic or has some other medical condition which prevents you from having this vaccine must provide a doctor's statement declaring the medical condition which prevents the injection.

CPR—During the first semester in school, the student will be certified in CPR. The certification provided during this first semester in school is through the American Heart Association is good for two years. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain CPR certification after the initial certification. The CPR certification is a requirement for all students in patient-care related activities. Your CPR certification must remain current at all times.

Tuberculosis Screening—All students shall participate in annual TB screenings.

All new students shall have an initial TB screening pre-matriculation (prior to enrollment in the School of Pharmacy).

Continuing Students without a previous positive reaction previously to a PPD skin test must have a follow-up PPD skin test each year. Those who have had a positive reaction must complete a TB Questionnaire annually and chest films will be ordered as needed, based on TB Questionnaire results. Any student who has ever had BCG in most cases always show positive on a skin test. Therefore, the TB questionnaire must be completed by these individuals.

Enrollment requirements--Students involved in patient-care related activities are required to maintain current student health records and CPR certification. Prior to each enrollment period, a review will be made of the students health records by Student Services. If a student has any

immunizations, screenings, shots or CPR certification that may fall due during the next enrollment period, the student will be required to update their health record **at least one week prior to the start of the semester**. Any student who is not current with immunizations on the first day of the semester shall not be permitted to participate in any patient-related activities. The student will be automatically dropped on the first day of the semester from any patient-related course, rotation, and or activity and will not be allowed to complete any patient-care related courses during the entire semester. Students may enroll in patient care courses for the following semester if all immunizations, CPR, flu vaccine, if applicable, and TB screening are completed by the first day of the following semester. Patient-related activities are provided throughout all four-years of pharmacy school.

Immunization records are maintained for each student on the Pharmacy web site, Student Page, Student Health Records. To view your personal records, the student must have an eraidr account.

Attachment A – TB Screening Questionnaire

