

## **Policy on Immunization and Tuberculosis Testing**

### **I. PURPOSE**

Health care professionals, including medical students-in-training, are at higher risk than the general population for acquiring communicable diseases. In order to protect themselves, their colleagues and patients, students must provide evidence of immunization or immunity against these diseases.

### **II. SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

- Medical students

### **III. POLICY**

#### **Immunizations**

All students are required to have the immunizations that are specified in the Procedure on Immunization and Tuberculosis Testing or a positive titer, prior to matriculation (i.e., first day of class in Introduction to Being a Physician).

#### **Tuberculosis Testing**

All students are required to undergo testing for tuberculosis prior to matriculation and annually, as described in the Procedure on Immunization and Tuberculosis Testing.

Students are required to update their student immunization record annually.

#### **Exemptions**

Students may be exempted from vaccination requirements in the following cases:

1. If they object on the grounds that administration of immunizing agents conflicts with their religious practices (unless the Department of Health has declared an emergency or an epidemic of disease).
2. If they present a statement from a licensed physician which states that their physical condition is such that administration of one or more of the required immunizing agents would be detrimental to their health. If an exemption is approved, the UPSOM cannot guarantee that our affiliated hospitals and clinics will allow the student to participate in patient care at these affiliated sites.



