



**Important additional programme requirement
Academic year 2017/18**

School of Medicine

Infectious Diseases & General Health information for:

- Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences (DN440/BHS1)
- Medicine (DN400/MDS2)
- Medicine Graduate Entry (DN401/MDS9)
- Radiography (DN410/MDS4)
- Medicine UCD Penang (MDSF)

School of Public Health, Physiotherapy & Sports Science

Infectious Diseases & General Health information for:

- BSc in Physiotherapy (DN420)
- Professional Masters in Physiotherapy (X784)
- MSc Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics (Major Code: X723, New Major Code: X820)

School of Agriculture and Food Science

Infectious Diseases & General Health information for:

- BSc Human Nutrition (DN262)

Infectious Diseases and General Health

For the protection of patients and students, certain health checks are necessary for students who will be participating in clinical placements.

All students entering the above courses are required to be screened for blood borne viruses and demonstrate evidence of immunity to certain infectious diseases (Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis). Please see the attached School of Medicine's Infectious Diseases Policy for further details. Students must familiarise themselves with this policy before the commencement of their programme.

All students must attend UCD Student Health Service for a health screening blood test. When presenting for screening students must bring:

- A copy of the attached vaccine checklist (completed)
- A valid Photo Identity Document (Photo I.D. = Passport, Driver's Licence, Garda Age Card or National Identity card)
- Records of childhood immunisation – MMR x two doses and BCG if received.
- Record of Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine, if received in childhood.

The Health Screening fee is €280 and covers the initial blood tests, the provision of 1 course of Hepatitis B vaccine (i.e. 3 doses) and post-vaccine serology. This is a one-off charge, which becomes payable on registration.

Initial Blood tests at the Student Health Centre include testing for:

- Hepatitis B status
 - Hepatitis C status,
 - Varicella Zoster (Chicken Pox) status
 - HIV testing (if required)
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- All students entering Medicine & Radiography courses must state if he/she is aware of their HIV status. If aware, documentation may be requested. If status is unknown, HIV testing will be offered.
 - Documenting evidence of either: a Mantoux test /PPD / Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) or an IGRA TB blood test carried out within the previous 12 months is required.
 - Evidence of 2 doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) will be recorded. Students must bring their childhood immunisation records with them to the initial screening appointment.
 - Provision of 1 course of Hepatitis B vaccines as required.
 - Blood test to check for an adequate post-vaccination antibody level.

The Health Screening fee is based on students attending for vaccination & follow-up at designated clinics. These clinics are arranged between the Student Health Service and the Health Science Programme Office and have due regard to the course timetable. You will be notified of the dates of these clinics in advance via your ucd student email account (@ucdconnect.ie). Non-attendance at these designated clinics will incur extra charges for additional Nurse visits.

Note: Student Health is located on the 1st floor of the old student centre, Belfield, Dublin 4.

For queries, please contact reception on: 01 716 3134/3143.

What's not included in the Health Screening fee:

- MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) vaccine visits
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine
- Mantoux testing
- Quantiferon TB blood test

All students entering the following programmes: Undergraduate Medicine (UCD/PMC), Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM), (DN400 & DN401), BSc Radiography (DN410), BSc Biomedical Health & Life Sciences (DN440), BSc Human Nutrition (DN262), Undergraduate Physiotherapy & MSc in Physiotherapy (DN420) should ideally attend Student Health for their initial Health Screening visit before teaching commences on the 11th September 2017.

If you accept a first round offer, we would ask you to attend on the first week of health screening, (28th August to 1st September 2017). Please note that your UCD registration must be active for at least 24 hours prior to you attending for your Health Screening appointment.

Health Screening for all courses will commence at 9.30 am on Monday 28th August 2017.

Health screening walk-in clinics or booked appointments will be available from: Monday 28th August to Friday 15th September 2017, from 9.30am - 12.30 & 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Contact the Student Health reception on: 01-7163134 if you wish to book a specific time. Classes start on Monday, 11th September so you may need to check your timetable before booking an appointment.

It is hoped that health screening will be completed during the above dates however, if further dates are required students will be informed of these dates during Orientation week. If there is no availability at the time you visit, you MUST make an alternative appointment with the receptionist in Student Health before you leave.

The following link also provides further details on the Health Screening Process: <http://www.ucd.ie/stuhealth/>

Notes regarding MMR documentation:

For students born in Ireland: If you do not have documentation of 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check with your GP or click link <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/whoweare/requestrecord.html> . Otherwise search www.immunisation.ie/ . Scroll down the page & go to "How do I" section. Click on "check vaccine records". Click on "Local Health Offices" for the contact numbers to request your MMR & BCG records.

For overseas students: The vaccine may be recorded as Campak (Measles), Beguk (Mumps) & Rubella. If you did not receive 2 doses of the combined MMR vaccine, please contact your Doctor immediately to commence a MMR vaccine course. A complete course of MMR vaccine consists of 2 doses.

If you do not have childhood vaccination records, the following addresses may be helpful:

Malaysia, (Ministry of Health Malaysia: www.moh.gov.my) Note: The 2 dose, combined MMR (mumps, measles, rubella) vaccine was introduced in Malaysia in 2002 to replace the monovalent measles and rubella vaccines. MMR vaccine was available in some areas of Malaysia prior to 2002.

Canada; (Immunisation Canada on <http://www.immunize.ca/en/learn/records.aspx>)

USA; Local GP, Paediatrician or <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/immuniz-records.htm>,

Singapore; <https://www.nir.hpb.gov.sg/nirp/eservices/login> ,

China: Please check with your Local or District Department of Health or local family Doctor.

Notes regarding Varicella Zoster (Chicken Pox) status:

Non-immune students will need to be vaccinated against Chicken Pox. This can be done through the Student Health Service, UCD, own GP or other recognised centre at an additional cost to the student.

Notes regarding Tuberculosis: Mantoux (Tuberculin Skin) Test **OR** IGRA TB test documentation is required.

Students must provide evidence that they have not acquired Latent TB infection. Either one of the above tests should be carried out within 12 months of course start date to determine your immune status.

For students born in Ireland:

Currently, the Mantoux (Tuberculin Skin) test is available from the Student Health Service at an additional cost. It may also be available from selected Travel Health & Occupational Health clinics.

The IGRA TB blood test is available in the Student Health Service, UCD, and selected Travel Health & Occupational Health clinics and at phlebotomy department of some hospitals. Please contact these service providers directly for additional information and costs.

For overseas students: The Mantoux (Tuberculin Skin) Test is widely available through local health clinics & hospitals. The IGRA TB blood test is available in bigger clinics. For your nearest clinic, please contact your country's department of health office or website.

Mantoux (TST) test results: must be recorded in millimetres (example 0 (zero) mm, 4 mm) rather than positive or negative.

All positive results must be followed up in line with each country's Management of Tuberculosis Treatment Guidelines. Further clinical information in the form of a Chest X-ray may be requested.

Note for BSc Radiography Students (DN410)

Hepatitis B vaccination programme will commence for Radiography students on Tuesday, 19th September 2017. Health screening should be completed prior to this date so please contact the student health reception for an early health screening appointment. Tel 01 716 3134

Note for BSc Biomedical Health & Life Sciences (DN440) & BSc Human Nutrition (DN262)

All students entering the above courses are required to demonstrate evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B. Please see the attached School of Medicine's Infectious Diseases Policy for further details. Students must familiarise themselves with this policy before the commencement of their programme.

Students are required to pay a **Healthcare Screening Cost of €250**. This is a one-off charge, which becomes payable on registration.

The screening programme consists of:

- Blood test to check Hepatitis B status
- Blood test to check Hepatitis C status
- Blood test to check Varicella Zoster (Chicken Pox) immune status
- Provision of 1 course of Hepatitis B vaccines as required
- Blood test to check for an adequate post-vaccination antibody level.

Advice to Doctors with Serious Contagious/Infectious Diseases

It is unethical for doctors who believe that they might be infected with a serious contagious disease (e.g. Hepatitis, HIV etc.) not to seek and accept advice from professional colleagues as to how far it is necessary for them to limit their practice, to protect their patients. Colleagues who are consulted have a dual role. They must counsel and support the doctor concerned, but they must ensure that the doctor does not pose a risk to patients and others. If such a risk exists, the Fitness to Practice Committee must be informed as soon as possible. A Guide to Ethical Conduct and Behaviour, 1998, The Medical Council

Refund Policy

The Student Health Service has an agreement with the School of Medicine to screen and vaccinate students to ensure the safety and health of students and their future patients. The service follows National Guidelines and protocols agreed with the School of Medicine.

A fee of €280 is charged to all students entering the **Medicine** (DN400 & DN401), **Radiography** (DN410), **Physiotherapy** (DN420 & X784) & **MSc in Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics** (X723 & X820) programmes.

A fee of €250 is charged to all students entering the **BSc Biomedical, Health and Life Science** and **BSc Human Nutrition** programmes.

The Health Screening fee covers the following:

1. Initial health screening visit which includes 6 compulsory elements, of which some are blood tests.
 - I. Hepatitis B surface antigen & antibody (if indicated) & Anti-HB core
 - II. Hepatitis C antibody
 - III. Varicella Zoster antibody
 - IV. HIV testing (if required)
 - V. Recording evidence of BCG scar, proof of vaccination, checking for evidence of Mantoux testing or IGRA (TB) testing.
 - VI. Recording the documented proof of two doses of MMR (Measles /Mumps /Rubella) vaccines.
2. Creation of data file to record each student's compliance with the screening & vaccination programme.
3. Providing the Schools of Medicine & Physiotherapy with an update on the student's compliance with the Infectious Disease Policy.
4. Provision of 1 course (3 doses) of Hepatitis B vaccination
5. Carrying out post-vaccination antibody levels on completion of a course of Hepatitis B vaccine.
6. Providing students with documentation of their vaccination and screening records.

The Student Health Service has, in conjunction with the School of Medicine, set out the refund criteria for students who have already been vaccinated against Hepatitis B:

1. **A refund of €170.00** will be given to any student who has shown to have completed a full course of Hepatitis B vaccination where the post-vaccination antibody is above the therapeutic level, indicating protection against Hepatitis B virus.
2. **A refund of €110.00** will be given to any student who has shown to have completed a full course of Hepatitis B vaccine but where the post-vaccination antibody is below the therapeutic level, indicating a booster dose of Hepatitis B vaccine is required.

The refund will be paid out to the individual student within the academic year. However, if you receive your refund and you then require further health screening visits, normal charges will apply.

The Student Health Service staff will identify all students who qualify for a refund under the above criteria and refunds are processed by the Registry department of UCD.