

Student Exposure Liability

Throughout MTI's medical programs, students will come into contact with and perform various noninvasive procedures on other students and individuals who have voluntarily agreed to participate in the lab. In addition, the medical students themselves are expected to volunteer in the lab for these same procedures. For the safety and well-being of students, volunteers and employees, industry protocols and standard precautions are to be strictly followed.

Healthcare professionals must be aware of certain health risks while working with bloodborne pathogens. Working with bodily fluids can mean possible exposure to Hepatitis B and C and HIV. Due to the exposure risk, all medical students are **required** to provide proof of all childhood immunizations such as MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella), DTP (Diphtheria, tetanus, and Pertussis), Varicella, Tuberculosis test, and the Hepatitis B vaccination. Medical Assistant and Medical Assistant with Phlebotomy students must provide proof prior to starting the Laboratory Assisting II class. Medical Billing and Coding Professional students must provide proof no later than six weeks prior to beginning the externship.

- Phlebotomy students are **required to provide proof of all childhood immunizations** such as MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella), DTP (Diphtheria, tetanus, and Pertussis), Varicella, Tuberculosis test, and the Hepatitis B vaccine series to department chair of healthcare programs **prior to starting** the phlebotomy program. Students will be required to provide a negative Tuberculosis test within the past six months to be eligible for externship.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Hepatitis B Vaccine series is provided over a five to seven month period. Therefore, you are required to get your first vaccination prior to your fourth week of attending classes. (The second vaccination is administered four weeks later; third vaccination is given 4-6 months after the second injection.) Please contact your healthcare provider as soon as possible to begin the process. Students must carefully follow instructions provided by the instructors, OSHA's Bloodborne Safety video, and the Exposure Control Plan manual in the medical lab regarding procedures and universal precautions.

In the event of an accident, careless behavior, or failure to follow proper procedure which results in the exchange of bodily fluids, students are required to visit a medical facility within 36 hours of the incident to be tested for HBV, HCV, and HIV. Students are financially responsible for costs associated with medical care received after an incident has occurred. However, in the event a student is unable to pay for medical expenses, MTI College will direct the student to an approved clinic for testing. In these situations, and only when approved in advance by MTI's department chair of healthcare programs or an MTI manager, MTI College will bear the costs

up to \$400 associated with medical testing services. For those students who have medical insurance, MTI will reimburse the co-pay for medical testing after an incident. Written documentation of the co-pay must be provided to the Program Coordinator within 30 days in order to receive a co-pay reimbursement.

In the event of an incident, students and faculty are required to follow the procedures outlined in the Exposure Control Plan manual. In the event a student does not have a medical provider, the student will be sent to: Med Center, 6651 Madison Ave, Carmichael, CA (916) 965-1111