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PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY MEDICINE SERVICE

Hepatitis B Vaccine Version 1 General Procedure Manual# GEN00031

I. Purpose

To provide a sustainable, healthy and safe working environment for Laboratory and Pathology Medicine Service staff.

II. Policy

It is the policy of VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) that staff at risk who work with or are exposed to Hepatitis B virus (HBV) in the laboratory, to participate in the voluntary HBV immunization program at free of charge. Hepatitis B Virus is transmitted through exposure to the blood or body fluids of an infected person. Laboratory personnel are constantly at risk of contamination, therefore staff is encouraged to take the necessary measures and prevent exposure.

III. Procedure

1. All healthcare workers will be screened upon employment. Applicants should provide written records of vaccination and titer. Applicants that are unable to provide necessary documentation will be offered the vaccine when they start employment.
2. During new employee orientation, new employees are asked to fill out the "New Employee Checklist for Occupational Health" (Attachment A). Employees are allowed to decline vaccine if they wish to.
3. Completed records are kept for all employees by occupational health. An electronic record is accessible through CPRS. Records include dates of vaccination, response to vaccine, and any work-related exposure to BHV.

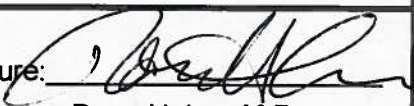
IV. References

1. College of American Pathologists- Laboratory General Checklist, Northfield IL, April 2014
2. VAMHCS Clinical Occupational Health Guidebook-"Infectious Disease Management" Page 9.

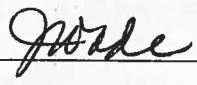


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NEW Employee Checklist for Occupational Health

1. Recent Tuberculosis screening within the last 3 months?

Yes Date: _____

No - - If no, it will need to be repeated before working at the VA.

Repeated on: _____

2. Please list:

a. Childhood Diseases:

b. Vaccines for Childhood Diseases:

- German and Red Measles
- Mumps (MMR)
- Chicken Pox (Varicella)
- Small pox vaccine in last ten years Year _____

4. Received all 3 Hepatitis b vaccines?

Yes Year: _____ Positive Titer?: _____

No - - No exposure to blood in my position.

No - - Decline vaccine at this time, but if I change my mind
know that I can get the vaccine

Whole SS# _____ Date of Birth _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Clinical Center/Service/Department: _____