



UA Cossatot

MEDICAL EDUCATION DIVISION TB TESTING PROCEDURE

UA Cossatot follows the standards and recommendations outlined by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) to prevent the spread of tuberculosis (TB).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT: The TB testing procedure for Medical Education is as follows:

- During the orientation process, students will be required to obtain and submit proof of a NEW negative baseline TB blood test (interferon-gamma release assay – IGRA) from a facility of their choice. The official lab report is required and will be uploaded to Blackboard. The due date for TB testing will be provided to students in the orientation course. Documentation must be submitted by the deadline provided and be completed within the dates required.
- Students who receive a positive TB blood test result or have a history of a positive TB blood test will be required to submit a NEW negative baseline chest x-ray from their facility of choice to rule out disease. Documentation must be submitted by the deadline provided.
- An annual symptom checklist form will be utilized during the program for continued monitoring.

EXPOSURE

Any student with known exposure to TB disease while in the program will be responsible for seeking and receiving a TB symptom screen with timely testing and/or treatment (if indicated) from an approved outside facility. If results indicate a positive result, the Medical Education Division will work with the facility to determine proper compliance and course of treatment are being met.

NOTE: Under special circumstances, the TB requirement may be subject to change based on facility requirements or those at increased occupational risk for TB exposure (certain settings if transmission has occurred in the past e.g emergency departments). Students will be notified if further testing is needed.

TB BLOOD TEST (PERFORMED BY OUTSIDE FACILITY) – TB blood tests are called interferon-gamma release assays (IGRAs). Two are approved by the FDA – the QuantiFERON- TB Gold Plus and the T-SPOT. This test involves a health care provider drawing blood and sending a sample to the lab for analysis and results.

REFERENCES:

<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/testing/index.html>
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