

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT AND KEY WORDS:	Training Medical Students on Exposure to Infectious and Environmental Hazards
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Purpose: This policy describes the mandatory training and education to insure our students understand how to protect themselves against infectious and environmental hazards.

Policy: 1. During Orientation

- a. Students must attend a mandatory OSHA presentation by the Director of the Student Health Service, who discusses the following:
 - i. The prevention of sharps and splash exposures, personal protective equipment (PPE), and steps to take if an exposure occurs.
 - ii. Information about hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV infection
 - iii. How to find additional information in the "Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids" section of the Student Health website, and in the Student Handbook which is distributed to students on a flash drive at Orientation and is also available online.
 - iv. In all instances, standard and universal precautions are to be utilized by all students during patient care activities.

- b. Medical students in New York State are required to receive training in Infection Control and Barrier Precautions which is presented at Orientation for the incoming students. This New York State approved course is valid for a four year period.
 - c. Wallet-sized cards are distributed that contain:
 - i. Information about “Universal Standard Precautions” which includes PPE and steps to take in case of exposure, including follow-up care at Student Health.
 - ii. A second card is distributed which contains emergency phone numbers and the HIV post-exposure protocol.
2. In the second year of the curriculum students must be “fit-tested” for N-95 particulate respirators and receive a respirator for personal use. Students are re-fit tested at each annual assessment by Student Health Services.
 3. Documentation of required training is required prior to the student’s entrance into clinical training.
 4. Prior to Core Clerkships students must retake OSHA training.
 5. Visiting students are given (and must sign receipt of) laminated cards with “Universal Standard Precautions” and emergency phone numbers and HIV post-exposure protocols. Additionally, they must be given a copy of the Blood and Body Fluids section of the Student Health website. Visiting students are required to show proof of completion of OSHA training within the past year, and the mandatory NYS Infection Control and Barrier Precautions training. They are “fit-tested” for N-95 masks at Student Health before they begin their elective, and are given OSHA instruction if needed.