



MEMORANDUM

TO: University of Sydney Students Required to Undertake a Clinical Placement in a NSW Health Department Facility.

SUBJECT: Occupational Screening and Vaccination Against Infectious Diseases.

The University is required by the NSW Health Department to make the attached material concerning "Occupational Screening and Vaccination Against Infectious Diseases" available to all commencing students who will be attending clinical placements in facilities operated by the Department at any time during their degree program. As you will see, the Department has a policy that requires all health care workers, including students, who undertake training or field work in the NSW health care system, to have a documented screening and vaccination history consistent with the requirements identified in the NSW Health Policy Directive *Occupational assessment, screening and vaccination against specified infectious diseases*.

The University has been advised by the NSW Department of Health that an updated policy will be issued early in 2010 and that students should refer to the website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/immunisation/ohs/> before the commencement of the 2010 academic year. Students should note, in particular, that the requirements for TB screening have changed.

The University has also been advised by the Department that "participation in screening and vaccination according to the Policy is a prerequisite for students for clinical placement in the facilities of NSW Health". **Students not in possession of a completed "Vaccination Record Card for Health Care Workers/Students" (formerly called Adult Vaccination Record Card) will be denied access to the facilities of NSW Health.**

In order to ensure that all commencing students affected by the Department's policy are informed of the above requirements, and to ensure sufficient time to assemble the screening and vaccination history, the University has agreed to distribute the relevant documentation during enrolment. In addition to this letter the documentation includes:

- A letter from the NSW Health Department together with two information sheets;
- A "Vaccination Record Card for Health Care Workers/Students" which you are required to **complete and retain for the duration of your degree program.**

As stated above the University's involvement in the "Occupational Screening and Vaccination Against Infectious Diseases" program is limited to the provision of this letter and the attached material to the students concerned.

The University Health Service, located in the Wentworth Building, will be able to assist you with the testing and vaccinations required (telephone (02) 9351 3484 for an appointment).

Should you require any further information or clarification please contact your faculty liaison (see below and over).

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