

HEPATITIS B WAIVER

The Disease

Hepatitis B is a viral infection caused by hepatitis B virus (HBV). HBV is spread through contact with blood and body fluid of a person infected with Hepatitis B virus. Hepatitis B virus is a serious disease. It can cause loss of appetite, tiredness, diarrhea and vomiting, jaundice, or pain in muscles, joints, and stomach. HBV also appears to be a causative factor in the development of cirrhosis and liver cancer. Thus, immunization against Hepatitis B can prevent acute hepatitis and also reduce sickness and death from chronic active hepatitis, cirrhosis, and liver cancer. All healthcare workers with potential exposure to blood/body fluids should be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

I understand that during my clinical learning experiences I may be exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials, and I may be at risk for acquiring Hepatitis B virus infection, a serious infection. I have been provided education and been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine and have discussed this with my health care professional.

Please check the appropriate statement:

_____ I decline Hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I have been informed and understand the possible risks of acquiring Hepatitis B.

_____ I am currently in the process of receiving the 3-dose series of Hepatitis B vaccine at 0-, 1-, and 6-month intervals. I will provide documentation to Prairie State College when I have completed all three vaccines. Until this process is complete, I have been informed and understand that I continue to be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B.

Student Signature

Printed Name

Date

Reference: www.cdc.gov
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