



UNIVERSITI MALAYA VACCINATION POLICY

Immunization Requirement

Responsible Official: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International)

Administering Faculty/ Departments:

Faculty of Medicine,
Faculty of Dentistry,
Faculty of Pharmacy,
Academic Administration & Services Centre, and
UM Health Clinic.

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I. Overview

To protect the health of the Universiti Malaya community and make our campus environment as healthy as possible, all Universiti Malaya's students undergoing academic programmes by the clinical mode should be vaccinated according to this policy prior to the commencement of their clinical placements subject to the exemptions below. (See IV. Policy Detail; Exemptions).

II. Definition

'academic programme by clinical mode' means an academic programme involving clinical expertise training and the production of a research report and/or dissertation.

'clinical activities' means activities that involve obtaining patient histories, performing thorough physical examinations, formulating differential diagnoses, learning to make decisions based on appropriate laboratory and radiological studies and procedures, interpreting results of special studies and treatment, communicating with patients on all aspects of disease and prognosis and communicating with members of the health care team.

The activities include:

1. Access patients to obtain a medical history, perform a physical exam, and follow the inpatient and /or outpatient course.
2. Access patients' entire medical records, including laboratory reports, x-ray reports, etc.
3. Perform appropriately supervised procedures as authorized by the patient's attending physician. For procedures such as drawing blood that the student has been trained for and declared competent in, the student may draw blood and perform independently without direct supervision.
4. Perform basic laboratory studies such as urinalysis, under appropriate supervision and review.
5. Performing lab-based activities which involve the handling of tissue samples, bodily fluids such as blood or sera from humans or animals.
6. Perform Aerosol-generating Procedure on patients which are likely to generate aerosols or small respiratory droplets.
7. When the student is clinically prepared, write orders for specific patients. All of the orders written by a medical student must be reviewed and countersigned by the responsible resident or attending physician before forwarding to the nursing service.
8. Write progress notes that the responsible resident or attending physician will review and countersign.

'clinical students' means all students (undergraduate and postgraduate) undergoing academic programmes by clinical mode at the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Dentistry and the Faculty of Pharmacy.

'clinical placement' means a work placement carried out in a hospital or team, where a clinical student is expected to learn clinical skills, reasoning, decision making, communications, and professional values in a workplace setting in order to learn all aspects of patient care.

'faculty/faculties' means Faculty of Medicine/ Faculty of Dentistry/ Faculty of Pharmacy.

III. Applicability

This policy applies to all Universiti Malaya clinical students undergoing academic programmes by clinical mode, subject to the exemptions stated below. (See IV. Policy Detail; Exemptions)

This policy shall also apply mutatis mutandis to all non-clinical Universiti Malaya students (undergraduate and post-graduate) who are required to undergo clinical activities in connection with their academic programmes.

IV. Policy Detail

All Universiti Malaya clinical students are required to provide documentation of all required immunizations using the Medical Examination Report-Form PD1 (please refer to Appendix 1) by the deadlines established by each corresponding faculty.

Students will not be allowed to register or participate in any clinical activities until they show proof of full immunizations and all forms are on file with the UM Health Clinic and/or faculty. An updated medical history and physical examination are required for re-enrollment after more than one year of attendance lapse. For re-admission after withdrawal for medical reasons, medical clearance by designated Universiti Malaya health officials is required.

Failure to register and non-attendance at classes may result in non-compliance with the Universiti Malaya's Rules and Regulations applicable to the respective faculties.

All Universiti Malaya clinical students must have the following required immunizations and screening by the established deadlines:

- 1) Measles, Mumps and Rubella
- 2) Tetanus-Diphtheria
- 3) Hepatitis B
- 4) Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- 5) Meningococcal ACWY
- 6) Tuberculosis (TB) Screening
- 7) COVID-19 Vaccine
- 8) any other vaccines as determined by Universiti Malaya from time to time

Exemptions

Students may seek an exemption from certain vaccination requirements based on a documented medical contraindication to taking the vaccine. In the case of a medical contraindication, Universiti Malaya requires the student to submit a letter of explanation, signed by both the student and the student's healthcare provider, along with other immunization records to Universiti Malaya through the Student Portal.

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