GUIDELINES FOR VACCINATIONS AND SCREENINGS

DO FIRST!

IMPORTANT: TB Screening must be completed BEFORE or ON THE SAME DAY as the administration of any live vaccines (such as MMR and Varicella vaccines). Otherwise, you will need to wait 30 days after any live vaccines before you get the TB screening.

If you were vaccinated against TB (with the BCG vaccine), it is recommended that you get a blood test instead of a skin-test, since skin-tests can sometimes give a false positive result in these cases.

TB
Tuberculosis Screening

IGRA titer – within the last year

(QuantiFERON or TSPOT accepted)

*Showing you do NOT have TB

Note: This is one appointment for a blood draw, usually done at a lab.

OR 2 step skin test – within the last year

Note: You actually need 4 appointments for these:

1. Baseline skin test
2. Result (48-72 hours after test)
3. Second baseline skin test (1-3 weeks after first)
4. Result (48-72 hours after test)

*Showing you do NOT have TB

OR If either of these come back positive/possible for TB, you will need to get a **Chest X-ray** and complete a **Symptom Check Form**.pdf.

Hepatitis B
Vaccines

VACCINATION - You must start the Hepatitis B vaccination and titer process or pick up where you left off. You don't have to complete this process to participate in clinicals, however, you must show that you are actively going through the process of getting vaccinations and titers, based on the CDC's recommended timeline. If you are still in the process of getting vaccinations and titers by the deadline, you will need to sign a waiver.

Your doctor should be able to guide you through the process of getting vaccinated and titered. Here is what to expect:

- **3-Dose Series (Recombinex HB or Engerix-B or Recombivax HB)**
  - Shots are typically done at 0, 1, and 6 months. "0" is the day you start your first vaccine in the series. There are three shots.

-OR-

- **2-Dose Series (Heplisav)**
  - Two shots are administered one month apart.

Hepatitis B
"SURFACE ANTIBODY" Titers

TITER - After you finish a series, you will need to get a "Hepatitis B SURFACE ANTIBODY" titer to see if the shots have provided you with the necessary immunity to Hepatitis B. This is typically done one month after completion of the series/booster.

If you finished a series a long time ago, you may also consider getting a Hepatitis B booster shot first. This is up to you.

- **Titer Result = POSITIVE / "REACTIVE" - You are done!**
- **Titer Result = NEGATIVE / "NON-REACTIVE" –** You will usually need to get another one or two vaccinations and then re-titer.
- **NON-RESPONDERS**: If you've gone through two full series of vaccinations and your titer is still coming back as "non-reactive", this means you are a "non-responder" – meaning, your body is not responding to the vaccinations with enough immunity to protect you from Hepatitis B. In this case, you can stop the vaccination process. Contact me immediately if you think this is the case. You will need to sign a waiver.

MMR -Measles, Mumps, Rubella	**2-dose Vaccination Series**	**OR titers for each** *Showing you are immune to each If you think you were vaccinated for MMR, but can't find the records, you may want to start with the titer.
Chicken Pox -Varicella	**2-dose Vaccination Series**	**OR a titer** *Showing you are immune If you had chicken pox or think you were vaccinated for Varicella and can't find the records, you may want to start with the titer.
Tdap -Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis	**Vaccination within the last 10 years** Note: The Td booster (instead of Tdap) is acceptable if you have record of receiving the full Tdap earlier in life.	
Flu	**Vaccination for 2025-2026 Flu season** – Comes out around September 1	
COVID	Covid Vaccination is **NOT required** at this time – this could change! However, if you were vaccinated, Harborview (Hybrid Only) requests that you supply these records for reporting purposes.	

SHOULD I START WITH A VACCINE OR A TITER?

- **The first step** is to look for your immunization and titer records to see what you have done already and make a list of what you need to do.
- **If you think you were vaccinated for any of the above but don't have records,** You may want to start with titers for those. You can get all of your titers at the same time, since it is a blood draw – but you need to make sure to tell them in advance which ones you are getting so that they can draw enough blood and send them off for the corresponding lab work. You will be billed for each one separately.
- **If you know you have never had a vaccine for an item**, start with vaccination instead of a titer for it - Except for TB: you don't need to have been vaccinated for TB; you only need to prove that it isn't in your system; therefore, you can start with the titer.
- **IMPORTANT:** TB Screening must be completed BEFORE or ON THE SAME DAY as administration of any live vaccines (such as MMR and Varicella vaccines). Otherwise, you need to wait 30 days after your live vaccine before you get your TB test, which could delay your application.

CALL US AS NEEDED!

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Wherever you go, let them know that you will be doing clinical rotations in a healthcare setting and therefore these are medically required.

If you have special health considerations, you may want to consult your doctor before getting vaccinated.

Please see our **Resource Guide** for more information about whether you need an appointment, low-cost options, and

other tips.