

**Departmental Policy**

**N95 REQUIREMENTS - UME STUDENTS**

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**Purpose**

- 1** The purpose of this operating standard is to:
  - a) ensure compliance with the Faculty’s contractual obligations with various practice partners by verifying that all UME Students have been Fit-Tested for an N95 mask.
  - b) ensure the safety of Students and clients/patients.

**Scope**

- 2** This operating standard applies to all UME Students.

**Definitions**

- 3** In this operating standard:
  - a) “Faculty” means the Cumming School of Medicine, Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) at the University of Calgary.
  - b) “Student” means UME Student within the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary.
  - c) “Fit Testing” is an assessment process which ensures that individuals are wearing the proper mask size and type for the shape of their face and head. A proper mask fit ensures that particulates are properly filtered and that no leaks occur around the seal.

- d) "N95" is a type of respirator mask that health care providers may be required to wear in the practice setting to help protect against certain communicable diseases.
- e) "Osler" refers to the web-based learning management system for UME.
- f) "Alberta Health Services (AHS)" Alberta Health Services (AHS) is Canada's first and largest province wide, fully-integrated health system, responsible for delivering health services to the over four million people living in Alberta, as well as to some residents of Saskatchewan, B.C. and the Northwest Territories.

**Standard/Practice**      **4**    **4.1** In accordance with the Faculty's contractual obligations with practice partners, Students are required to be Fit Tested for a N95 mask.

**4.2** It is the Students professional and ethical responsibility to ensure that they attend the scheduled UME N95 Fit Testing session(s) for their cohort.

**4.3** All UME students are fit tested prior to the commencement of Medicine 402 (summer electives). The fit testing is good for 2 years. If the student is in UME past the expiry date they must present for a second fit-testing prior to the time of expiration.

**4.4** Accommodations may be made for valid, documented medical and/or religious reasons. The students will be required to sign the N95 Mask Fit Testing Waiver.

**Responsibilities**      **5**    **5.1** Student will:

- a) Sign up for and attend N95 Fit Testing session held at UME prior to Medicine 402.
- b) Ensure that they carry with them in the clinical setting proof of their N95 Fit Testing.

**5.2** The Immunization Specialist will:

- c) connect yearly with Albert Health Services (AHS) to ensure that no changes have been made to the acceptable N95 masks.
- d) update N95 information and requirements as necessary,

ensuring notification to Students.

- e) ensure that the N95 fit testing sessions run by UME meets all CSA Standards Z94.4-11 and align with the University of Calgary, Staff Wellness Respiratory Protection Program.
- f) ensure that all students starting Medicine 402 sign up for and attend a N95 fit testing session and make record in Osler of their mask type and expiry date.
- g) meet with any student who requests accommodations for valid, documented medical and/or religious reasons to discuss implications pertaining to ongoing clinical practice and have them sign the N95 Mask Fit Testing Waiver.
- h) ensure students whose N95 has expired while in program (related to being out of sequence) come in and update N95 fit testing.
- i) notify the Associate Dean, UME, if a Student is non-compliant.

**5.3** The Associate Dean, UME, (or Designate) will:

- a) meet with any Student who is non-compliant to discuss implications pertaining to ongoing clinical practice.

**Instructions/Forms**

- 6** N95 Mask Fit Testing Wavier  
Student Immunization/N95 Acknowledgement and Consent

**Related Information**

CSA Standards Z94.4-11 Selection, use, and care of respirators.

Student Placement Agreement (July 30, 2013) – The Board of Governors of the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services.

University of Calgary Calendar,  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/> , University Calendar,  
Cumming School of Medicine, 5. Doctor of Medicine, 5.5 Faculty Regulations, N-95 Fit Testing

University of Calgary, Staff Wellness, Respiratory Protection Program  
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/staffwellness/files/staffwellness/respiratory-protection-program-2017.pdf>

University of Calgary, Archives and Special Collections, Student Academic Files, Faculty of Medicine- Undergraduate  
<https://asc.ucalgary.ca/marrs/undergraduate-medicine>

**History**

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