N95 REQUIREMENTS - UME STUDENTS

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- Associate Dean, UME

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- Manager, UME

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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 leaning 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

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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

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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 Waiver
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, Archives and Special Collections, Student Academic Files, Faculty of Medicine- Undergraduate https://asc.ucalgary.ca/marrs/undergraduate-medicine
History

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