

**N95 REQUIREMENTS - UME STUDENTS
Departmental Policy**

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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) "Learning Management System" means a web-based system for curriculum management in UME. Currently, the learning management system in use is called "Osler".

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 Career Development Weeks. The fit testing is good for two 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.

Accommodations may be made for valid, documented medical and/or religious reasons through Student Assessment Services (SAS).

Responsibilities

- 5 5.1** Student will:
- a) Sign up for and attend N95 Fit Testing session held at UME prior to Career Development Weeks.
 - 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 Career Development Weeks 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 referral to Student Assessment Services (SAS)
- h) ensure students whose N95 has expired while in program 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/hr/wellness/occupational-health/respiratory-protection-program>

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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