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## Infection Control Guidelines

The introduction of infection control policies benefit clients as well as practitioners and students as their implementation minimises the risk of cross infection

Students must understand their responsibilities to protect themselves as individuals, as well as their responsibilities to protect patients/clients from the hazards of blood-borne and other infectious diseases (CDAMS 2001). SIHS students will be required to sign such a declaration.

The implementation of these guidelines will be maximised by ensuring that students are well informed about their responsibilities and immunisation choices and well supported in the choices they make. Students have the choice to opt out of the immunisation recommendations on medical or conscientious grounds.

Recommendations for an immunisation program, including vaccinations and related tests for specific infectious diseases are discussed in Clinical Practicum (Grade 1)

The NSW government has enacted legislation that requires all health care workers employed by NSW Health, and health care students participating in clinical placements and/or work experience within NSW Health, to be immunised against Hepatitis B and to provide proof of such immunisation prior to commencing employment or clinical placement within NSW Health.

Should SIHS students ever be placed in a training environment within NSW Health, they will be required to comply with this policy. Consequently, SIHS will inform students of this requirement before placing them in a training environment within NSWHealth. Students may choose not to be immunised and, in such a case, SIHS will place the student in a training environment outside NSW Health.

### Infection control references:

Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (AACMA) Infection Control Guidelines  
<http://www.acupuncture.org.au>

Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria 2003, 'Frequently asked questions for practitioners' *Current issues and News* 2/12/03,  
<http://www.cmr.vic.gov.au/current-news/faqprace.htm>

NSW Health Infectious Diseases Fact Sheets, Data, Immunisation and Control Guidelines  
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/facts.html>

Policy Directives, Guidelines and Information Bulletins governing this area are available under  
[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2005/pdf/infection\\_ctrl\\_manual](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2005/pdf/infection_ctrl_manual)

NSW Health Infection Control Policy  
[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/pdf/PD2005\\_247.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/pdf/PD2005_247.pdf)

NSW Health Infection Control Audit Tool

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/archive/cib/information-bulletins/2000>

NSW Public Health Act 1991 and the Public Health (General) Regulation 2002

NSW Health Circular 2004/32

<http://www.wsahs.nsw.gov.au/services/dsdph/CPH/Projects/PDFS/cir2004-32.pdf>

Australian Council on Healthcare Standards

<http://www.achs.org.au>

CDC Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/index.html>

Management of Health Care Workers potentially exposed to HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/pdf/PD2005\\_311.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/pdf/PD2005_311.pdf)

HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Health Care Workers Infected

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/pdf/PD2005\\_162.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/pdf/PD2005_162.pdf)

[Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing - Infection Control Guidelines for the prevention of transmission of infectious diseases in the health care setting \(ICG\)](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/Publishing.nsf/content/icg-guidelines-index.htm)

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/Publishing.nsf/content/icg-guidelines-index.htm>

[Cleaning Service Standards, Guidelines and Policy for NSW Health Facilities](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/audit/manuals/cleaning.pdf)

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/audit/manuals/cleaning.pdf>

NSW Healthcare Associated Infections Questions & Answers

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health\\_pr/infection/prof/ga.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health_pr/infection/prof/ga.html)

Australian Immunisation Handbook produced by the National Health & Medical Research Council

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/cda-pubs-cdi-2003-cdi2702-hm-cdi2702o.htm>

<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf>

Waste Management in Healthcare Facilities

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/>

*Guideline for hepatitis B immunization (health care workers)*

Infectious Diseases Unit, Public Health Division 1996, *The Blue Book: Guidelines for the control of infectious diseases*, Department of Human Services, Victorian Government

[http://hna.ffh.vic.gov.au/phb/hprot/inf\\_dis/bluebook](http://hna.ffh.vic.gov.au/phb/hprot/inf_dis/bluebook)

Terrett R G 1997, *Infection control in the chiropractic setting – Guidelines*, Chiropractic Association of Australia (Victorian Branch), Brunswick, Victoria.

Committee of Deans of Australian Medical Schools 2001, *Guidelines for infectious diseases policies and programs for medical students*, viewed 8 March 2004,

<http://www.cdams.org.au/ID%20policy-final.pdf>

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences 2003 *Medical, dental and physiotherapy students and infectious diseases*, The University of Melbourne,

<http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/courseInfo/docs/policyInfectiousDis.pdf>