

Important Hepatitis B Vaccine Information

The following is taken directly from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) website:

“Hepatitis B is a contagious liver disease that results from infection with the Hepatitis B virus. It can range in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness.

Transmission: Hepatitis B is usually spread when blood, semen, or another body fluid from a person infected with the Hepatitis B virus enters the body of someone who is not infected. This can happen through sexual contact with an infected person or sharing needles, syringes, or other drug-injection equipment. Hepatitis B can also be passed from an infected mother to her baby at birth.”

Vaccination: Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for all infants, older children and adolescents who were not vaccinated previously, and adults at risk for HBV infection, including those who work in healthcare settings or around individuals with Hepatitis B.

Added note: Hepatitis B can be contracted from bodily fluids, such as blood and saliva. It can be transmitted very easily by a single skin prick with infected blood or through small cuts or rashes that come in contact with the bodily fluids of infected individuals.

Many health care agencies require their health care professional employees to have the Hepatitis B series vaccination. **Not having the vaccination series may postpone an externship and/or employment.**

Some of the early concerns about Hepatitis B vaccine have now been addressed. We are currently into a third generation of Hepatitis B vaccine which seems safe and is heartily endorsed by all major national infectious disease groups.

Wongu University recommends its students to take adequate measures to protect themselves against Hepatitis B.

Hepatitis B Vaccine Side-Effects

What are the risks from hepatitis B vaccine? From the CDC website:

A vaccine, like any medicine, is capable of causing serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of hepatitis B vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small.

Getting hepatitis B vaccine is much safer than getting hepatitis B disease.

Most people who get hepatitis B vaccine do not have any problems with it.

Mild problems

- soreness where the shot was given, lasting a day or two (up to 1 out of 11 children and adolescents, and about 1 out of 4 adults)
- mild to moderate fever (up to 1 out of 14 children and adolescents and 1 out of 100 adults)

Severe problems

- serious allergic reaction (very rare)



Wongu University of Oriental Medicine Hepatitis B Waiver Form

All Hepatitis B waived students must sign this document indicating:

1. I have received and read the information provided by Wongu University regarding Hepatitis B, located on the previous page.
2. I understand the risks and benefits of immunizations, the potential risks of non-immunization, and the risk of Hepatitis B, located on the previous page.
3. I understand that if I contract Hepatitis B while taking my Wongu University course work, I am responsible for work missed and that it may delay my graduation.
4. I understand that the Hepatitis B series may be required at outside employment companies or organizations and not having the series could delay or limit my employment options.
5. I do not wish to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine at this time.

Printed Name

Signature

Date