Hep B Immunity Timeline for Prospective Applicants

PART 1

Hep B vaccinations
(Typically administered during childhood in US)

- Vaccine (1st dose)
- Wait 1 month
- Vaccine (2nd dose)
- Wait 5 months
- Vaccine (3rd dose)

start no later than January 15

PART 2

Wait 1 to 2 months

Titer
(surface antibody blood test, includes reference range/index)

documentation due July 15

1. If you have not previously received the hepatitis B vaccine: Begin immediately! Do not wait until you are accepted into the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. The series takes six months to complete; therefore, you must **start the series no later than January 15 to meet the July 15 deadline**. After you have completed the series, follow the guidelines below in number 3.

2. If you have started the hepatitis B vaccination series sometime in the past but have not completed the series: You must obtain the remaining injections to complete the entire three-injection series. It is not necessary to start the series over again. After you have completed the entire series, follow the guidelines below in number 3.

3. After you have completed the hepatitis B vaccination series: You must provide official documentation of all three injections. In addition, you must have a hepatitis B surface antibody titer drawn that is at least one month after the third hepatitis B vaccine injection. Ideally, the surface antibody titer should be drawn 1-6 months after the completion of the hepatitis B vaccine series. However, regardless of when you completed the series, you must have a surface antibody titer drawn that is a minimum of one month after completion of the third hepatitis B vaccine injection. You must provide the documentation of the surface antibody titer to the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy by July 15 of the year you begin school.

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