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#### Introduction

Sree Narayana Nursing College is committed to protecting its students, faculty, and Staff from the risk of Hepatitis B, a serious infectious disease that is common in healthcare environments. This policy ensures that all students and faculty are vaccinated against Hepatitis B to minimize the risk of transmission and promote a safe healthcare practice environment. The college also facilitates vaccination for those who have not been immunized.

### **Objectives:**

- To safeguard the health of students, faculty, patients, and the community by ensuring immunity against Hepatitis B.
- To minimize the risk of Hepatitis B transmission in the academic and clinical settings.
- To comply with national public health recommendations on Hepatitis B vaccination.
   Purpose
- To protect first-year students and faculty members from Hepatitis B infection.
- To create a safe environment for clinical training and healthcare services.
- To establish vaccination as a requirement for participation in clinical activities.

#### Scope:

- This policy applies to all first-year students enrolled at Sree Narayana Nursing College.
- All newly hired faculty members involved in clinical teaching or any direct patient care are included.
- The policy encompasses vaccination procedures, documentation, and responsibilities related to Hepatitis B immunization.

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#### **Guidelines:**

### 1. Mandatory Vaccination:

 All first-year students and faculty members must complete the Hepatitis B vaccination series before clinical placements.

#### 2. Vaccination Schedule:

- o The Hepatitis B vaccination series consists of three doses:
  - 1st dose: At initial screening (Day 0).
  - 2nd dose: One month after the first dose.
  - 3rd dose: Six months after the first dose.

#### 3. Documentation:

- Proof of vaccination must be submitted to the college administration before clinical practice begins.
- o Alternatively, a positive Hepatitis B surface antibody test (anti-HBs) demonstrating immunity can be submitted.

# 4. Exemptions:

- Medical exemptions are permitted with appropriate documentation from a licensed healthcare provider.
- o Those exempt must sign a waiver acknowledging potential risks and will be given additional safety instructions to minimize exposure.

# 5. Non-Compliance:

- Non-compliance with the vaccination requirement will result in students being unable to participate in clinical rotations, which may impact academic progression.
- o Faculty members who fail to comply may face restrictions on clinical duties.

#### 6. Booster Doses:

 If post-vaccination antibody testing shows inadequate immunity, additional booster doses or repeat vaccination may be recommended as per healthcare provider instructions.

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# 7. Post-Vaccination Testing:

 It is advised to perform a titer test 1-2 months after completing the vaccination series to confirm immunity.

### Dosage:

### • Hepatitis B Vaccine:

- The standard adult dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine is 1 ml (containing 10–20 μg of HBsAg) administered intramuscularly in the deltoid region.
- o A three-dose series is required, as per the schedule outlined.

## Responsibilities of the College:

#### 1. Vaccination Provision:

- The college will facilitate access to Hepatitis B vaccinations for students and faculty through tie-ups with certified medical providers.
- Assistance will be provided to ensure that vaccinations are completed in a timely manner.

#### 2. Health Monitoring:

- o The college health department will maintain updated records of all vaccinations and titer results.
- Regular follow-ups will be conducted for those who need to complete their vaccination series.

#### 3. Education and Awareness:

 The college will organize mandatory educational sessions for students and faculty on the importance of Hepatitis B vaccination, modes of transmission, and prevention strategies.

### 4. Confidentiality:

 All medical records related to immunization will be kept confidential and stored securely in accordance with privacy regulations.

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# 5. Support for Exempt Individuals:

 The college will provide alternative clinical arrangements for those with valid medical exemptions to ensure their safety while minimizing exposure risks.

# 6. Review and Compliance Monitoring:

- The college will regularly review and update the immunization policy to ensure alignment with current health guidelines.
- Compliance will be closely monitored, and reminders will be sent to those approaching vaccination deadlines.

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