

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING  
HEPATITIS B VACCINE

Health care professionals who are exposed to blood and other contaminated body fluids are at risk for being infected with Hepatitis B. Nurses practicing in modern health care facilities may be at risk for infection. Because of clinical arrangements with health care facilities, students admitted into the nursing program are strongly encouraged to have completed the first shot of the Hepatitis B vaccine prior to beginning the program and follow-up with completing the series of vaccinations at the recommended schedule. Students electing not to be vaccinated are required to sign a waiver indicating their understanding of the risks involved.

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HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I understand that the Department of Nursing strongly recommends that students beginning the nursing program complete the series of hepatitis B vaccine. However, I decline to receive the hepatitis B vaccination at this time, I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future, I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can elect to receive the vaccination at my own expense

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Signed

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Date

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I have already had the Hepatitis B vaccine series and will provide documentation for my file.

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Signed

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Date