



HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

Health care professionals who are exposed to blood and other contaminated body fluids are at risk of being infected with Hepatitis B. Nurses practicing in modern health care facilities may be at risk for infection. Because of clinical agreements 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 on the recommended schedule. Nursing students electing not to be vaccinated are required to sign a waiver indicating their understanding of the risks involved.

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 NSU Nursing Program strongly recommends that students beginning the nursing program complete the series of hepatitis B vaccine. I decline to receive the hepatitis B vaccination at this time; however, 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.

Signature

Date