



Parkland

Dear Doctor,

Welcome to Parkland Health & Hospital System. Occupational Health Services at Parkland is responsible for providing immunizations for all the employees, including interns, residents, and fellows.

If you live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, or know you're going to be in town prior to your start date, we recommend that you call our office at 214-590-8121 Monday-Friday 6:30am-5:00pm to set up an appointment.

Parkland requires the following drug screening and immunizations **prior to your start date**:

1. Urine Drug Screening
2. Current TD or TDAP.
3. Full series of Hepatitis B vaccine and a Positive antibody level.
4. Two doses of MMR vaccine or equivalent (2 doses Rubeola, 2 doses Mumps, 1 dose Rubella) given after your first birthday and at least 30 days apart, or documentation of positive antibody levels.
5. Positive history of Varicella, or positive Varicella titer, or two Varicella vaccines given 30 days apart.
6. Current PPD within **6 months** of start date. If you have a positive PPD we need a current (within 12 months) CXR.

Please provide documentation of the above immunizations. Acceptable documentation includes copies of military or county health records, student health records, medical records, or a letter from a physician other than your self with month, date, and year given for all vaccines. Please do not send original records, and we must have LEGIBLE copies. You may fax these records to us at 214-590-2489. **Please indicate on the fax that you are an incoming resident or fellow.**

SOME IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. All drug screening and immunizations **MUST BE** completed before your start date. Failure to do so in a timely manner will delay your start date. OHS will notify the Manager of the House Staff and Graduate Medical Education Office of your non-compliance and you will not be allowed to begin your residency at PHHS.
2. The required drug screening and immunizations are **MANDATORY**.
3. Be sure the information given pertaining to the TD vaccine includes both diphtheria and tetanus. Tetanus alone is not adequate and you will be re-immunized with TD upon arrival.
4. Parkland **DOES NOT** share records with any other institution, including UT Southwestern. We do not have access to your student health records.

If you cannot locate your health records or are unable to provide any or all of the required immunization records, Occupational Health Services will provide you with the necessary immunizations at **NO CHARGE**.

If you have questions regarding any of this information, please contact Occupational Health services at 214-590-8121. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Regards,

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