



Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

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Policy Title: Medical Student Training on Universal Precautions and Biohazards

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Applies to: All ESFCOM and Visiting Medical Students

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1.0 Policy Statement:

It is the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (ESFCOM) policy that all medical students, enrolled and visiting, learn precautions and infection control measures for pathogens and environmental hazards prior to patient contact and throughout matriculation.

2.0 Definitions:

Precautions: A measure taken in advance to prevent something dangerous from happening.

Infection Control: Infection Control is the discipline concerned with preventing nosocomial or healthcare-associated infection, a practical (rather than academic) sub-discipline of epidemiology.

Pathogens: Bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms that can cause disease.

Bloodborne Pathogens: Pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Environmental Hazards: Substances, states or events which have the potential to threaten the surrounding natural environment and/or adversely affect people's health.

Universal Precautions: An approach to infection control to treat all human blood and certain human body fluids as if they were known to be infectious for HIV, HBV and other bloodborne pathogens.

3.0 Responsibilities:

ESFCOM Office of Student Affairs

4.0 Procedures

Ultimately, each student shares responsibility for his/her health and safety in the clinical/educational setting. Training begins with universal precautions prior to and during orientation and continues throughout foundational and clinical learning experiences. Key policies and procedures, as well as locations of relevant information, will be provided during the student onboarding process.

Visiting medical students, prior to participation in ESFCOM sponsored clinical activities, will need to provide proof of appropriate universal precautions and post exposure care training. Verification of awareness of the ESFCOM online policies and protocols regarding Universal Precautions and Biohazards is required.

5.0 Related Policies

EC.12.04.170815 - Post Exposure Care Policy

EC.12.07.170815 - Communicable Disease Exposure Policy

EC.12.05.170516 - Immunizations and Tuberculosis Screening Policy

6.0 Key Search Words

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7.0 Revision History

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