

Assessment of Hepatitis B evidence of protection when vaccination documentation is not accessible and antiHBs is positive

The NSW Health policy for hepatitis B protection is based on ensuring health care workers have long term/lifelong protection for their career, not just at the time of recruitment/clinical placement.

Acceptable evidence to demonstrate protection for hepatitis B from vaccination is documented evidence of a completed, age appropriate, course of hepatitis B vaccine AND positive blood test result (antiHBs \geq 10).

Applicants/students will not be assessed as compliant with the Policy with incomplete records such as antiHBs result only.

If the applicant/student has a positive antiHBs after only 1 or 2 doses of vaccine then the third dose is still required however a further blood test will not be necessary.

If the applicant/student has a positive antiHBs results and they have been vaccinated but can not provide documentation of their vaccination course they will need individual assessment by an experienced Occupational Screening & Vaccination Assessor. The Health Service must be convinced that the antiHBs result and vaccination history supports that they have had a complete course of vaccination. Further Hepatitis B vaccine (post blood test) may be recommended.

Please have the applicant/student provide answers to the following questions with as much detail as possible for assessment:

Name:..... Date of birth:.....

When did you have your hepatitis vaccination?.....

Who administered the vaccine?.....

Why were you vaccinated?.....

How many doses do you recall having?.....

What was the timing between doses of vaccine?.....

What was the timing between vaccination and blood testing?.....

Why cant you produce documentation of vaccination?.....

Other relevant information:.....

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Signature:.....

Date: