

## **IMMUNIZATION FORM. HEALTH CERTIFICATION**

### **INFORMATION:**

In a clinic setting, workers are at potential risk of acquiring a communicable disease. Under Clínica Rementería policy, all persons carrying out work activities premises be immune to measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox). It is also required that individuals be free from active tuberculosis and participate in baseline skin testing. Annual influenza vaccination is strongly recommended.

To meet policy requirements, all observers are requested to have a health certification completed prior commencing any work at Clínica Rementería.

### **Mandatory Requirements:**

#### **TUBERCULOSIS (TB) STATUS**

Workers and observers are required to have a documented 2-step tuberculosis skin test done prior to start date. This involves the planting of a tuberculin skin test in the forearm, having it read 2-3 days later and if negative, the process will be repeated in the other arm 1-3 weeks later. The 2-step skin test identifies the truly positive skin test. Individuals who have a positive skin test are required to have a chest x-ray done prior commencing any work at Clínica Rementería and must be sent by fax, mail or e-mail to be evaluated.

#### **IMMUNIZATION STATUS**

Workers and observers are required to have laboratory evidence of immunity to:

##### **1. Hepatitis B**

Workers and observers who perform tasks that may involve exposure to blood or body fluids should provide documentation of immunity to Hepatitis B.

- If anti-HBs is at least 10 mIU/mL (positive), the patient is immune. No further serologic testing or vaccination is recommended.
- If anti-HBs is less than 10 mIU/mL (negative), the patient is unprotected from hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection; revaccinate with a 3-dose series. Retest anti-HBs 1–2 months after dose 3.
- If anti-HBs is positive, the patient is immune. No further testing or vaccination is recommended.
- If anti-HBs is negative after 6 doses of vaccine, patient is a non-responder.

2. Workers and observers must be negative to **hepatitis C and HIV infection**. Laboratory evidence must be provided. To have a positive result does not exclude for been an observer in Clínica Rementería but it have to be known by your supervisor to implement the required measures to protect patients and other workers health.

It is also recommended (but not mandatory) to provide documentation of immunity to the highly communicable childhood diseases of rubella, measles and varicella (chickenpox). There is more than one way to do this.

**Measles** - One of the following is acceptable:

- laboratory evidence of immunity (blood test resulting in a positive titre), or
- persons born *before* January 1, 1970 are considered immune (date of birth must be indicated on the immunization record), or
- if born *after* December 31, 1969 documentation of 2 doses of the measles vaccine (or trivalent MMR) given at least 4 weeks apart on or after the first birthday.

**Mumps** - One of the following is acceptable:

- laboratory evidence of immunity (blood test resulting in a positive titre), or
- documentation of 2 doses of the mumps vaccine (or trivalent MMR) given at least 4 weeks apart on or after the first birthday.

**Rubella** - One of the following is acceptable:

- laboratory evidence immunity (blood test resulting in a positive titre), or
- documentation of the rubella vaccine (or trivalent MMR).

A history of having had rubella is not acceptable as this disease can be confused with other viruses.

**Varicella (chickenpox)** - One of the following is acceptable:

- a known history of chicken pox or shingles.
- If there is no known history or if the history is not clear, one of the following must be provided:
  - o laboratory evidence of detectable antibody (blood test resulting in a positive titre), or
  - o documentation of 2 chickenpox vaccines, given at least 4 weeks apart .
  - o Only one dose of chickenpox vaccine is required if vaccinated before the 13<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Tetanus/Diphtheria**