

Infection Control Precautions for Accepting Observers, Trainees, and Interns

Infection Control Department
General Affairs and Planning Division

1. Observers (Applicable to Both Domestic and International Visitors)

An observer is defined as a person who visits the hospital for the purpose of gathering information about our medical system, treatments, or research, and whose access to clinical areas is less than one week.

If the observation period exceeds one week, the stay in clinical areas is considered long-term, and the individual must comply with the same requirements as trainees or interns.

On the day of the visit, both the observer and the person responsible for hosting the observer must check their health condition and confirm that they are asymptomatic. Anyone with symptoms suggestive of an infectious disease must not enter clinical areas. (No written health check form is required.)

2. Domestic Trainees and Interns

Training / Internship is defined as participation in clinical areas of the hospital for the purpose of acquiring medical skills and gaining clinical experience.

Even if the training period is less than one week, close contact with patients is expected; therefore, the following infection control measures are required.

Trainees and interns are regarded as healthcare personnel, and under the responsibility of the supervising department, they must comply with the same infection prevention measures as hospital staff.

All required documents must be reviewed by both the trainee/intern and the supervising person and kept on file for at least three years.

(1) Four Viral Diseases

(Measles, Rubella, Varicella, Mumps)

- During the acceptance process, vaccination history and/or antibody testing for the four viral diseases must be confirmed in accordance with Appendix ① (Flowchart) and Appendix ② (Judgment Criteria).
- Submission of vaccination certificates and antibody test results is required.
- If vaccination cannot be administered due to medical reasons such as vaccine allergy, acceptance may be permitted upon submission of a medical certificate issued by a physician.

(2) Hepatitis B

- Submission of antibody titer data is not mandatory.
- However, if there is a possibility of unexpected needlestick injury or blood exposure during training, prior Hepatitis B vaccination and confirmation of seroconversion is strongly recommended.
- In the event of a needlestick injury or blood exposure during training, the training supervisor is primarily responsible for response and must contact the Infection Control Department (Extension: 7906).

(3) Daily Health Check During Training

- Trainees/interns and their supervisors must perform a daily health check throughout the training period and confirm the absence of symptoms.
- Anyone with symptoms suggestive of an infectious disease must not enter clinical areas.
(No written record is required.)

3. International Trainees and Interns

In addition to requirements (1), (2), and (3) above:

(4) Tuberculosis

- A physician's certification confirming the absence of active tuberculosis is required.
- The method of examination or diagnosis (including clinical evaluation only) is not specified.

For items (1) and (4), completion of Form 1 is required.

Copies of antibody titer test results must be attached if applicable.

Notes

- Note 1: If there is any uncertainty regarding acceptance, consult the Infection Control Department.
- Note 2: Even for foreign nationals already residing in Japan, or Japanese nationals living overseas, requirements may vary depending on region and duration of stay. Please consult the Infection Control Department in advance.

Declaration of Vaccine Exemption

To: Director, Okayama University Hospital

Application Date: YYYY / MM / DD _____ / _____ / _____

Department: _____

Job Title: _____

Name: _____

Please circle the vaccine(s) that cannot be administered:

(Measles / Rubella / Varicella / Mumps)

Reason (circle one):

(Pregnancy/Vaccine allergy /Other • please specify)

If "vaccine allergy" is selected, a physician's medical certificate must be attached.