Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Drug Screening Policy

Summary of Purpose

As a component of professionalism, medical students working with patients are expected to be free from and unimpaired by non-prescribed substances.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all Geisel medical students.

Definitions

None.

Policy Statement

- Students are required to comply with all Dartmouth College and Geisel clinical affiliate drug screening policies.
- All new students will be screened in the first semester of school.
- Students submitting to drug screening agree that final positive results will be forwarded to the Associate Dean of Student Life, the Assistant Dean for Core (Phase 2) or Advanced (Phase 3) Clinical Curriculum and the Dean of Educational Affairs.
- All final drug screening results will be entered into the student's Health Service record. Definitive confirmatory results indicating a positive drug screen will result in immediate referral to the Associate Dean for Student Life who will guide the student through the next steps, which would typically begin with referral to a treatment program.
- Students will complete the required drug screening by contacting their local LabCorp site as communicated via email or at Occupational Medicine at DHMC by calling and making an appointment: (603) 653-3850. If you hold a medical marijuana card and / are taking prescription medicine, take the card and / or a **current** prescription bottle to the LabCorp site or Occupational Medicine at the time of your drug screening. This is particularly

pertinent to those taking medications that could produce an initial positive screen result (for example, medication to treat ADD / ADHD and GERD and cough/cold medications).

- Students signing this form are aware that using un-prescribed prescription drugs is a violation of the drug policy.

- Students will be asked to sign an authorization form at Occupational Medicine which may have references to “employee”. While Geisel is not an employer of students, Geisel should be listed as such on this form.

- The results will be forwarded to the Health Service at Dick’s House for placement in the student's health records and are accessible for future required documentation.

- Students using medical marijuana must comply with all DHMC policies regardless of the site of clinical training during any year.

- Students may be required to comply with other clinical partners’ policies if they are more stringent than the DHMC policy.
- While recreational marijuana may be legal in some states, clinical entities typically require both employees and rotating students to abstain from marijuana.

Procedure

None.

LCME Standard

Standard 10.6 – Content of Informational Materials

A medical school’s catalog and other informational, advertising, and recruitment materials present a balanced and accurate representation of the mission and objectives of the medical education program, state the academic and other (e.g., immunization) requirements for the MD degree and all associated joint degree programs, provide the most recent academic calendar for each curricular option, and describe all required courses and clerkships offered by the medical education program.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

University Documents

None.

Other Documents

None.

Related Links

Professionalism Policy
Healthy for Clinic / Class Policy

Policy Administration

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History

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Background

None.