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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY HEPATITIS B REQUIREMENT

Clinical facilities mandate that the Hepatitis B vaccine series be completed prior to surgery observation, which occurs the first two weeks in December. **The vaccine is a series of three (3) injections given over a 7 month period. Due to the length of time the vaccine takes to complete, applicants of the Surgical Technology program must submit proof with their application that they have received at least the first dose of the vaccine.** Check out the Surgical Technology [Advising Guide](https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/advising_guides/) (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/advising_guides/) for a list of admission requirements.

Hepatitis B basics

- The Hepatitis B vaccine is a 3-part injection that **can take 5-7 months to complete.**
- Proof of the vaccine (at least the first dose) or positive titer results must be submitted with your Selective Admissions application to be eligible for admission. The entire vaccine must be completed in order to attend clinicals.
- ***If the series was completed over 10 years ago, students must provide titer results showing current immunity to the disease.**
 - Per CDC guidelines, health care workers in high-risk facilities or professions should receive a Hepatitis B titer every 4-10 years.

What is a Titer?

A titer is a blood test that determines if you actively have a disease **OR** if you have immunity to a particular disease. Lab values for immunity testing will be IgG. Lab values for active disease testing will be IgM. The Surgical Technology program will accept titers showing immunity (IgG) to Hepatitis B in lieu of original vaccination records or if your vaccine is over 10 years old. Official documents must include the date the blood samples were collected and the results.

Where to get your Vaccination Record

One way to get your vaccination record is to request your "Official State of Michigan Immunization Record" (MCIR) by contacting your local health department or physician's office. For most students, this is the easiest way to obtain all of your records. However, any official record from a healthcare provider that documents the date of your vaccination or titer is acceptable.