

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Flu Vaccine Requirements

Approved by: Committee on Undergraduate Medical Education (CUME)

Approval date: November 9, 2012

POLICY STATEMENT:

Many of our affiliate hospitals are now requiring flu vaccination as a prerequisite for working and training in their facilities. This is also true of hospitals across the nation and has wide acceptance in the infectious disease/infection control community.

The Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations is now requiring hospitals to document flu vaccination rates of their employees, physicians and trainees. This is a rather daunting and administratively time consuming task for the College of Medicine, given the rotation schedules in our hospitals.

On the basis of patient and student safety, infection control and regulatory requirements, all students will be required to have a flu vaccine or signed declination form.