12.8 STUDENT EXPOSURE POLICIES/PROCEDURES

A medical school has policies in place that effectively address medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards, including the following:

- The education of medical students about methods of prevention
- The procedures for care and treatment after exposure, including a definition of financial responsibility
- The effects of infectious and environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

All registered medical students (including visiting students) are informed of these policies before undertaking any educational activities that would place them at risk.

NARRATIVE RESPONSE

a. Describe institutional policies in the following areas related to medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards:

1. The education of medical students about methods of prevention
2. The procedures for care and treatment after exposure, including definition of financial responsibility
3. The effects of infectious and/or environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

b. Describe when and in what way(s) the school’s own medical students and visiting medical students are informed of the medical school’s policies and procedures related to exposure to infectious and environmental hazards at all instructional sites. For example, describe when and how students, including visiting students, learn about the procedures to be followed in the event of exposure to blood-borne or air-borne pathogens (e.g., a needle-stick injury).

c. Describe when in the course of their education medical students learn how to prevent exposure to infectious diseases, especially from contaminated body fluids.

d. Provide data from the Independent Student Analysis on the percentage of medical students who report being familiar with the protocol following exposure to infectious and environmental hazards. For programs with regional campuses, provide data by campus. Also, provide data from the Independent Student Analysis on student satisfaction with the adequacy of education about prevention and exposure to infectious and environmental hazards.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

1. Policies on medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards.

2. Policies related to the implications of infectious and/or environmental disease or disability on medical student educational activities.