

# HEPATITIS B INFORMATION SHEET FOR NON-RESPONSE TO VACCINATION

## Non-Response to Hep B Vaccination

A non-responder is a person without HBV infection who has a documented history of an age-appropriate primary course of hepatitis B vaccine, but without a current anti-HBs level.

Students who are non-responders after being given the booster (4<sup>th</sup> dose) (and in whom HBV infection has been excluded) should have a 2 further doses of Hepatitis B vaccine at monthly intervals and be re-tested for anti-HBs levels at least 4 weeks after the last dose. The booster (4<sup>th</sup> dose) that was received can be counted as the 1st of the 3 repeat doses, as recommended for non-responders.

**Important:** *A non-response to vaccination will not prevent a student from attending clinical placement. Additional precautions will be discussed to minimise risk.*

*(see next page)*

## Formal Steps for Non-Response Students

Steps	Action
1	Ensure you meet the requirements above to confirm your non-response status
2	Complete UC Consent for the Release of Immunisation Records form and the ACT Health Consent form
3	Placement Office to provide student infection status to placement site and seek approval
4	Clinical Lead/Director to arrange a meeting with the student prior to first clinical placement to discuss risk management
5	Student to commence clinical placement

### Important Notes:

1. Ensure you undertake appropriate infection control and WH&S practice to reduce risk of occupational exposure.
2. More often than not, demonstrating professional practice in managing infection control within the scope of practice at all times by a student is enough to ensure they are minimising risk to themselves and others.

