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PRELIMINARY ADVICE ON VIRAL SCREENING POLICY FOR APPLICANTS TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

If successful at the interview stage, you will be sent a health questionnaire to complete and return.

During your medical training you will be involved with activities known as “exposure prone procedures”. This means there is a potential for transmission of blood borne virus infection from you to the patient, or conversely, from the patient to you. As a result there are some standard screening procedures that have to be strictly adhered to.

At commencement of your medical training an Identified Validated blood test will be carried out by the Occupational Health Service to test for of the following:

1. Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HbsAg).
2. Hepatitis C antibodies
3. HIV antibodies

DO NOT ask your GP to carry out these tests.

Closer to the time you commence at Keele University more detailed information will be sent to you and a consent form will be given to you in your registration pack when you arrive at the Medical School for the start of the course.

If you suspect you may have been exposed to any blood borne viral infection and could be a potential carrier (eg HIV, Hepatitis C) you should seek confidential counselling and probably screening to exclude infection, through your GP. This is as advised by the General Medical Council.

For further advice in relation to the above please contact:
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