

## **Policy on KUMC Student TB Skin Test (PPD) Placement, Interpretation and Prophylaxis**

All students, upon entering the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC), are required to provide documentation of two TB skin tests (PPD) administered and interpreted within the past 12 months prior to enrollment. The most recent PPD test should be within 3 months prior to enrollment. For those students who cannot provide evidence of two PPD tests within 12 months of enrollment, placement of consecutive PPD tests within 1-3 weeks of each other are required. After an initial 2-step test, all KUMC students are required to receive an annual TB skin test as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for all health care employees. If a student is delinquent on his or her annual TB skin test, a hold may be placed on his or her account.

All students must pay \$5.00 for each PPD test. Any PPD administered by KUMC Student Health needs to be read by a KUMC Student Health employee. If not, the student must pay a fee of \$10.00 to re-administer another PPD. The results of the TB skin test are kept on file at KUMC Student Health Services within individual student charts.

Any student with a positive TB skin test is treated according to protocols consistent with current CDC guidelines. Any student with a positive TB skin test is required to meet with a KUMC Student Health provider to discuss our protocol. On an annual basis, any student who has had a positive PPD skin test must complete a Student Health TB questionnaire.

In the event that a student with Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) (i.e., a positive TB skin test or positive Quantiferon TB Assay and a negative chest x-ray) refuses treatment, Student Health Services will document the refusal and obtain the student's signature on a waiver form. If a student has a positive Quantiferon TB Assay and refuses treatment, an annual chest x-ray must be completed in addition to the questionnaire. In the event that the student refuses to obtain an initial or an annual chest x-ray, the student will be deemed non-compliant with the TB policy and subject to disenrollment at KUMC.

NOTE: Any student who has previously been treated for a positive TB skin test or who is currently receiving treatment must provide KUMC Student Health Services with appropriate documentation.

*This policy was revised in July 2007 by the provider and administrative staff at KUMC Student Health. To resolve issues not specified in this protocol, the KUMC Department of Infectious Disease will be contacted at 588-6035.*