

Professional Student Affairs Committee Report 2006-07

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The committee met on two occasions to discuss an update to the immunization practices for our students and modifications to the medical student handbook. Some major policy changes were instituted for immunizations. The requirement for a hepatitis A virus (HAV) vaccine was dropped as HAV is no longer an endemic problem in the Tampa Bay area. The recommendations for routine immunizations as listed by the CDC were adopted. The changes made include having students get a Tdap immunization and requiring all student receive an influenza shot in the Fall of each year of medical school.

Significant alterations were made to the M.D. Program Handbook. These are available online as a link on the Student Affairs webpage for students, staff and faculty at URL <http://hsc.usf.edu/medicine/studentaffairs/index.htm>. The major changes included the addition of a faculty – learner compact, modification of APRC practices and better defining the roles of the Dean, Vice Dean for Educational affairs and Associate Dean for Student Affairs in APRC and appeals activities.