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| OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH ADVICE FOR YOU |
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| Hepatitis B Vaccination  |
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| What is Hepatitis B?Hepatitis B is a blood borne virus known to infect the liver. In most cases the Hepatitis B virus will stay in the body for one to three months, known as acute Hepatitis B. However, in approximately 5% of adult cases the Hepatitis B virus will stay in the body for over six months, known as chronic Hepatitis B. Approximately 20% of adults with chronic Hepatitis B will go on to develop scarring of the liver (cirrhosis). Approximately 10% of adults with liver cirrhosis will develop liver cancer. |

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| Why is the Hepatitis B Vaccine Important to me?“The Hepatitis B vaccine forms part of your course requirements. These requirements are designed to protect your health.”Hepatitis B is passed on in the blood and body fluids of infected people. Hepatitis B can be transmitted by a variety of routes including sharps injuries and splashes to the eyes and mouth. In 2014 there were 496 contamination exposure in the UK, 51 of these involved Hepatitis B positive patients (eye of the needle report). There is a 30% risk of contracting Hepatitis B through such contamination injuries if you are not vaccinated.  |
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| Your Vaccination Schedule* First Hepatitis B vaccine
* Second Hepatitis B vaccine 1 month after first vaccine
* Third Hepatitis B vaccine 2 months after first vaccine
* Blood sample taken to check immunity 3 months after first vaccine (please note you will be required to bring photo ID to this appointment i.e. student ID card, passport, driving licence)
* Fourth Hepatitis B vaccine 1 year after first vaccine

Occasionally people do not develop an immunity to Hepatitis B from the first course of vaccination, they will require a repeat full course of Hepatitis B vaccinations.On the rare occasion someone does not gain immunity to Hepatitis B following the second course of vaccination they would be classed as a “non-responder”. Due to the nature of EPP work Occupational health may call you on an annual basis to take blood samples. |
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