

# **Medical Surveillance for Columbia University Personnel who work in Autopsy, Gross or Anatomical Pathology, DermatoPathology, or Anatomical Gift Morgue**

## **Personnel Covered**

Personnel who work in Autopsy, Gross or Anatomical Pathology, DermatoPathology, or Anatomical Gift Morgue with large amounts of formalin ( $\leq 0.5$  L) will receive a preplacement and periodic examination.

Personnel in the DermatoPathology and/or Pathology Department with any of the following job titles:

- Tech A and Tech B
- Chief Tech
- Senior Tech
- Tech Assistant
- Lab Assistant
- Pathology Assistant
- Clerk (in accession area)
- Supervisor
- Staff Associate
- Officer of Instruction (OOI) or Officer of Research (OOR) who does not have an NYP Appointment
- Any instructor who will be grossing large specimens, including Anatomy Department.

## **Identification of Covered Personnel:**

1. Careers at Columbia (Talentlink) – Human Resources or RAPs – Office of Faculty Affairs

## **Protocol:**

1. Health Questionnaire
2. Occupational History
3. Physical Examination including vital signs
4. Quantiferon tuberculosis test.
5. Offer a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine every 10 years.
6. Exposure Occ Risk 1<sup>a</sup>, provide blood borne pathogen exposure surveillance including HCV antibody, and offer HBV vaccine series<sup>b</sup>.
8. Personnel required to wear a respirator for their work need medical clearance<sup>c</sup>.
9. Spirometry, if needed –refer to *Spirometry Criteria* document.
10. In accordance with Occ Risk 1<sup>a</sup> exposure group requirements, vision acuity and color screen where vision acuity and color is important to the Eee function in that role.

Workforce Health & Safety (WH&S) shall notify the individual of the results of the examination.

## **Reporting/Clearance**

1. Utilize Workforce Health & Safety (WH&S) forms
2. Clearance Human Resources (HR) or Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA)
3. Questionable cases referred to Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S)

<sup>a</sup> See *WHS Requirements for Screening* for exposure group requirements.

<sup>b</sup> Personnel must have selected potential exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens on the special indicator form.

<sup>c</sup> Personnel must have selected “Medical clearance to wear N95 Respirator” on the special indicator form if work requires such use.