

THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL MANDATORY HEALTH SCREENING

Under the terms of the residency agreement, all new house staff are required to have a health screening examination done, as well as laboratory and tuberculin testing at the time they start their experience at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital. **No one will be permitted to begin training or be entered on the hospital's payroll until all mandatory health screenings are completed and the results obtained.**

Arrangements have been made for you to meet the following requirements on the day of House Staff Orientation, which is scheduled for Friday, June 27. The following assessments and laboratory testing will be administered on that day:

- **Pre-Placement Health Risk Assessment** – must be completed and reviewed by the Employee Health Services staff.
- **Urine Drug Testing** – all new house staff are required to submit to and successfully complete and pass a urine drug test.
- **Laboratory Testing** – all house staff will be screened for Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (complete Hepatitis B screen if antibody is negative), Hepatitis C, rubella, rubeola and varicella. Documentation of prior antibody testing is acceptable with the exception of Hepatitis C testing which must be completed at the beginning of your experience.
- **Tuberculin Skin Testing** – all new residents are required to have a two-step Mantoux TB skin test at the time of orientation. **If you have had a Mantoux TB test in the preceding 12 months, please bring that documentation with you to orientation.** If you have not had a documented Mantoux TB skin test in the preceding 12 months, a second TB skin test is required one to three weeks after the one given at orientation to complete the two-step testing process. *If you have a history of a positive TB skin test, you will be asked to complete an assessment form for signs and symptoms of active tuberculosis.*

Please bring the following information with you to the June 27th Orientation Program as this will help to make the process go more smoothly:

- Immunization history including dates of Hepatitis B vaccine.
- Documentation of Mantoux TB skin test in the preceding 12 months. *If you have a history of a positive TB skin test and have had a chest x-ray in the past year, please bring a copy of the chest x-ray report with you.*
- Any titre results that you may have for Hepatitis B Surface Antibody, rubella, rubeola and/or varicella.



You will have the opportunity to complete part of these requirements (TB Testing, Health Risk Assessment, and Urine Testing) during the month of June. Additional information will be forthcoming on how you can arrange an appointment with the Employee Health Services Department.



If you have any questions or concerns with regard to the mandatory health screening requirements or the process for meeting these requirements, please call the Employee Health Services office at 412-578-5050 or the Graduate Medical Education Department at 412-578-6924.