

# Top Knowledge Healthcare Institute Hepatitis B Vaccine Waiver Form

Hepatitis B is a contagious liver disease that results from infection with the hepatitis B virus and means inflammation of the liver. It can range in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness. Hepatitis B is usually spread when blood, semen, or another body fluid from a person infected with the hepatitis B virus enters the body of someone who is not infected. This can happen through sexual contact with an infected person or sharing needles, syringes, or other drug-injection equipment. Hepatitis B can also be passed from an infected mother to her baby at birth.

Hepatitis B can be either acute or chronic. Acute hepatitis B virus infection is a short-term illness that occurs within the first 6 months after someone is exposed to the hepatitis B virus. Acute infection can — but does not always — lead to chronic infection. Chronic hepatitis B virus infection is a long-term illness that occurs when the hepatitis B virus remains in a person's body. Chronic hepatitis B is a serious disease that can result in long-term health problems, and even death.

The best way to prevent hepatitis B is by getting vaccinated. This above information was obtained from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website. The school advises all students to visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/hepb/> to receive more information about hepatitis B before signing this waiver.

It is a requirement of Top Knowledge Healthcare Institute, that all enrolled students provide evidence of Hepatitis B vaccination or sign the waiver form. Top Knowledge Healthcare Institute advises you to complete the Hepatitis B immunization series for your protection. If you choose to waive the Hepatitis B immunization series, please date and sign below.

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I understand that due to my educational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given sufficient time to complete the hepatitis vaccination schedule, however, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease.

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

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Witness Signature