TO: Nursing School

FROM: Northwell Health Corporate Employee Health Services

DATE: 06/2018

SUBJECT: Northwell Health Policy and Procedure regarding infected students/trainees and healthcare workers

Northwell Health truly values the role we play in preparing students/trainees for their future in health care. In the interest of patient and employee safety, Northwell Health policy encourages all students/trainees and healthcare workers infected with the Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus or Human Immunodeficieny Virus (HIV) to notify Northwell Health’s Corporate Employee Health Services department. This policy applies to students/trainees and healthcare workers who have the potential to be involved in an invasive procedure during the course of their training.

Corporate Employee Health Services may require viral load testing and referral for additional care as outlined within the Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (SHEA) Guidelines for Management of Healthcare Workers Who Are Infected with Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus, and/or Human Immunodeficieny Virus (HIV) to notify Northwell Health’s Corporate Employee Health Services department. Any necessary limitations in clinical activities will be communicated to the educational institution’s health office with the students permission. Northwell Health’s Corporate Employee Health Services maintains the student/trainee’s privacy and medical confidentiality. Limited information will be shared only with those on a need to know basis.

Northwell Health recognizes the importance of training future healthcare professionals and welcomes all students/trainees choosing Northwell Health as their clinical rotation site.

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