

## **Details of an anonymous-basis survey entitled “The evaluation of immunization records which assign to overseas students to School of Medicine, Keio University”**

To overseas students who submitted immunization records to the Office of Student Service, School of Medicine, Keio University.

### **Background and Aim**

A medical institution has to make maximum efforts for prevention of outbreak of the in-hospital infection. In this purpose, the American medical institutions oblige all staffs and students who work or study there to submit their immunization records. In the U.S., this measure spread widely, at least, at the end of the 20th century. Furthermore, not only the American but also the person who entered the U.S. was assigned to this rule. Even in Japan, this rule also has currently become popular. However, its objects are often limited to only Japanese and persons who have come from the foreign countries are usually excluded. In such a situation, Shinanomachi Office of the Health Center, Keio University has started to handle immunization records for overseas persons since 2012, in cooperation with the Office of Student Service in Shinanomachi Campus. However, now, we wondered if there could be a room for improving it. An aim of this survey is to get grounds to improve this measure.

### **Why this survey is necessary.**

In the US, the submission of immunization record to a medical institution is obliged by a state law of each state. This means that the revision of the operative policy including the change of the inspection items, format, etc. can be decided at the Health Bureau level of each state. On the other hand, in Japan, because there is no regal background supporting the submission of immunization record, its revision must be conducted in each facility. In addition, because few facilities handle immunization record for overseas students in Japan, we can obtain few information as to this operation. For revising our policy regarding immunization record, comprehensive review of the submitted immunization records must be performed by ourselves.

### **Methods**

This study has been approved by the ethics committee of School of Medicine Keio University on February, 2017 (Accession NO. 2016-0381). In this study, your data described on your immunization record, namely, those as to tuberculosis, hepatitis B,

mumps, measles, chicken pox (varicella), rubella are analyzed after anonymizing.

Especially, the following points are examined.

1) Presentation rate of immunization record.

2) Presentation rate of immunization record of revised immunization record.

(When, as to some item(s), the statement(s) did not meet our standard, we ask you to revise the immunization record).

3) Identification of the items of which corrections are highly demanded.

### **Result**

After analyzing, the results will be disclosed at this web site.

### **Inquiries, Opt out**

In cases that you have any inquiries as well as you do not wish your records are used for this study, please contact associate professor Hirokazu Yokoyama MD, the Health Center, Keio University via mail. His mail address is following; [infectioncotrolling@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:infectioncotrolling@yahoo.co.jp).

We would like to appreciate very much for your valuable cooperation.

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