

This form should be used by the Human Resources Department to explain and obtain acknowledgment of the Hepatitis B virus and the vaccine available to employees of LIFE Inc.

NAME:		EMPLOYEE NUMBER:	
DATE OF BIRTH:		TREATING FACILITY:	
ADDRESS:			APT:
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	

HEPATITIS STRAND INFORMATION

Hepatitis A: Hepatitis A (formerly known as infectious hepatitis) is an acute infectious disease of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV), an RNA virus, usually spread the fecal-oral route; transmitted person-to-person by ingestion of contaminated food or water or through direct contact with an infectious person. Tens of millions of individuals worldwide are estimated to become infected with Hep A each year. The time between infection and the appearance of the symptoms (the incubation period) is between two and six weeks and the average incubation period is 28 days The Hepatitis A vaccination is recommended for all children at age 1, travelers to third-world nations, and anyone at risk.

Hepatitis B: Overview: Hepatitis B (formerly known as serum hepatitis) is an infectious inflammatory illness of the liver caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV) that is transmitted by exposure to infectious blood or body fluids such as semen and vaginal fluids, while viral DNA has been detected in the saliva, tears, and urine of chronic carriers. Risk factors for developing Hep B include working in a health care setting, transfusions, and dialysis, acupuncture, tattooing, extended overseas travel and residence in an institution. Hepatitis B viruses cannot be spread by holding hands, sharing eating utensils or drinking glasses, kissing, hugging, coughing, sneezing, or breast-feeding. The Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for all children, and any adult at risk for contracting the disease.

Hepatitis C: Overview: Hepatitis C (formerly known as non-A/B hepatitis) is an infectious disease affecting primarily the liver, caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). The infection is often asymptomatic, but chronic infection can lead to scarring of the liver and ultimately to cirrhosis, which is generally apparent after many years. In some cases, those with cirrhosis will go on to develop liver failure, or liver cancer. Hep C is spread primarily by blood-to-blood contact associated with intravenous drug use, poorly sterilized medical equipment and transfusions. An estimated 130-170 million people worldwide are infected. Unfortunately there is no vaccine for Hepatitis C.

VACCINE REQUEST

I have been provided with the most current HBV serological antibody statuses of the clients I will be assisting and have read the provided statement about Hepatitis B and the Hepatitis B Vaccination. I have had an opportunity to ask questions and understand the benefits and risks of Hepatitis B Vaccination. I understand that the Hepatitis B Vaccination is a three (3) series vaccine, which I must receive on-time to confer immunity.

As with all medical treatments, there is no guarantee that I will become immune or that I will not experience an adverse side effect from the vaccine. I have been advised that studies have not been conducted to determine the effect of the Hepatitis B Vaccination on a developing fetus. Therefore, the safety of the vaccine is not known on the developing fetus. Having considered these factors, I request that the Hepatitis B Vaccination series be given to me.

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VACCINE DECLINATION

I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with the Hepatitis B Vaccination, at no charge to myself. However, I decline the vaccine at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of contracting Hepatitis B, a serious disease. If, in the future, I decide I want to be vaccinated with the Hepatitis B Vaccination, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me.

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