



QUILLEN COLLEGE of MEDICINE

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Policy Name/Number: Student Drug Screening Policy / ADMIN-0517-21

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(A) Policy Statement:

Criminal background checks and drug testing for students enrolled at Quillen College of Medicine are standard requirements for both pre-clinical as well as for many health care and community agencies prior to clinical placement. Students must meet the requirements of the clinical agency to which they are assigned as outlined in the clinical affiliation agreement contract. In order to comply with clinical agency contractual requirements, the College of Medicine requires all admitted students to consent to random mandatory drug screens. Students will sign a form, "Release Form Drug Testing Investigations of Students East Tennessee State University College of Medicine," during the M1 orientation and becomes part of this policy. Please see the attached form. The drug screens will be done throughout training and may need to be repeated at different intervals during the degree program. The Office for Student Services communicates this requirement to a company contracted to perform drug screens and students receive communication to their ETSU email.

All visiting students rotating through Quillen College of Medicine will also be required to have criminal background checks and drug testing prior to being accepted for elective rotations. Please refer to the [Non-Quillen Students Policy](#).

(B) Purpose of Policy:

See Policy Statement.

(C) Scope of Policy (applies to):

All Quillen College of Medicine medical students.

(D) Policy Activities:

The required drug screen will be performed by a College of Medicine approved provider of this service and must be completed within 72 hours of the email requesting the drug screen. The Office for Student Affairs must be notified if the student is unable to complete the drug screen in the 72-hour time window. All expenses for the drug screen will be covered directly by the student. Medical Review Officers (MRO) for this company may contact the student directly for prescription information.

Drug test panels will include: Amphetamines, Cocaine Metabolites, Marijuana Metabolites, Opiates, Phencyclidine, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methadone, Propoxyphene, and Methaqualone. The particular drug screen tests required, and related costs, are subject to change and are beyond the control of the University or the College of Medicine.

The College of Medicine does not accept responsibility for any student being ineligible for coursework, continued enrollment in the college, or subsequent licensure for reasons associated with drug testing. The student's failure to

consent to the drug screen may prevent the College of Medicine from securing suitable clinical placement for the student, thus rendering the admitted student unable to progress or to complete the MD program.

Negative dilute specimens must be repeated. In the case of multiple negative-dilute drug screenings, the College may require the student submit to a serum-based drug screening.

Adverse results of the drug screen may prevent the College of Medicine from securing suitable clinical placement for the student, thus rendering the admitted student unable to complete the degree program.

Results of the drug screen(s) will be kept in a separate confidential location. Notification and release by the student will be required before results are released to health care or community agencies. The Office of Student Services will convey the status of the drug screen to the health care or community agency per contractual obligations.

Students who provide any false information regarding drug use in any documents relating to their attendance at the College of Medicine are subject to immediate dismissal from the College.