



QUILLEN
COLLEGE of MEDICINE
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Policy Name: **Student Drug Screening Policy**

Policy Replaces a Previous Policy [Yes/No] (*this includes change in policy name*): **No**
If so, list name of previous policy (*include policy number if different*):

Policy Number: **ADMIN-0517-21**

Originator Name and/or Committee (*if a committee, include name of chair*): **Robert T. Means, Jr., MD / Dean of Medicine**

Committees, Departments, or Individuals Responsible for Implementation: **Associate Dean for Student Affairs**

Original Approval Date and Who Approved by: **5/1/2017 / Robert T. Means, Jr., MD / Dean of Medicine**

Revision Date(s) (*include a brief description*) and Who Approved by: **12/3/2021 / Deidre Pierce, MD / Associate Dean for Student Affairs**

Effective Date(s): **5/1/2017; 12/3/2021**

Revision(s) (*briefly describe*) by Administrative Staff and Date (*these revisions do not require voting/approval by a committee and/or individual*):

Exemption(s) to Policy (*date, by what committee or individual, and brief description*):

LCME Required Policy [Yes/No]: **No**
LCME Element(s) Affiliated with Policy (*include Element number/name/statement*):

All policies will be reviewed every three years unless an earlier review is identified.

(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.

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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 Visiting Student Policy (policy number and link to policy here once new policy approved).

(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.

Policy Review and/or Revision Completed By <i>(if applicable)</i>		Date Policy Reviewed and Approved <i>(if applies to that department, committee, or group)</i>
X	University Compliance	1/4/2022
X	Office of the Dean	5/17/2017

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X	COM Policy Review Committee	3/17/2022
X	Academic Affairs (<i>this includes the four-year reviews by administrative staff</i>)	12/3/2021; 1/31/2022; 3/17/2022
X	Student Affairs	12/3/2021
	Medical Student Education Committee	
	Student Promotions Committee	
	Faculty Advisory Council	
	Administrative Council	
	M1/M2 Course Directors	
	M3/M4 Clerkship/Course Directors	
	Student Groups/Organizations (<i>describe</i>):	
	Other (<i>describe</i>):	

Notifications of New or Revised Policy (<i>if applicable</i>)		Date and Method of Notifications
	Medical Students	
	Administrative Council	
	Faculty Advisory Council	
	All QCOM Faculty	
	All QCOM Staff	
	Admissions Office for Catalog	

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**Release Form
Drug Testing Investigations of Students East Tennessee State University
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By signature below, I authorize the College of Medicine to conduct Drug Screens randomly and for the purpose of complying with contractual requirements of clinical agencies seeking to identify and evaluate care providers failure to pass a drug test as detailed in that policy. I, _____, understand and agree to the following:

The student will be responsible for the ordering of and payment for the drug test. Financial Aid expected costs factor the annual cost into cost of attendance. Clinical sites may have additional requirements or other required vendors; the student will be responsible for these additional expenses. Results of previous drug tests will not be accepted by the College of Medicine;

1. Drug test panels will include at a minimum: Amphetamines, Cocaine Metabolites, Marijuana, Metabolites, Opiates, Phencyclidine, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methadone, Propoxyphene, and Methaqualone;
2. 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 degree program;
3. The staff of Student Services will convey the status of the drug screen to the healthcare or community agency;
4. Adverse results of the drug screen may prevent the College of Medicine from securing suitable clinical placement for the student, thus rendering the student unable to progress or to complete the MD degree program;
5. 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.
6. Students are responsible for providing all requested information to the Medical Review Officer for the company chosen to administer the drug screens.

I understand the above requirements and will follow and participate fully per ETSU College of Medicine's Student Drug Screening Policy (ADMIN-0517-21).

X	X
Student Name (Please print)	Student's Signature
X	X
Student ID (E# Number)	Date