

## **Important Requirement: FitTesting Information**

Dear Students:

There are several IMPORTANT NEW requirements that clinical agencies have implemented for clinical students and instructors. New JACHO mandates are being implemented at VMC regarding Fit 95 testing for personal respirators used in the care of TB patients. The SJSU School of Nursing is required to comply with agency requirements.

ALL\* students in a practicum at VMC must be fit tested before they can participate in clinicals. (\*Exception - VMC Semester 7 psych/mental health clinical students - do not need testing.)

### **WHO WILL DO THE TESTING:**

Technicians from Medi-Share Environmental Health & Safety Services

### **HOW OFTEN DO I NEED FITTESTING?**

**Your FitTesting documentation is valid for exactly one calendar year.** If you were FitTested in August 2008, you need to be FitTested again in August 2009; if you were FitTested in January 2009, you need to be FitTested in January 2010, if you were FitTested in May 2009, you need to be FitTested in May 2010... and you **will not** be able to attend clinical at VMC until you complete this training/testing.

### **TESTING DATES:**

Medi-Share will be on campus to fit test students who will be enrolled in a clinical section, or completing a preceptorship at VMC.

**FOR STUDENTS WHO STILL NEED FITTESTING, SIGN UP FOR THE FRIDAY 8/28 SESSION. THE SCHEDULE IS POSTED OUTSIDE OF HB 408. THIS WILL BE THE LAST SESSION SCHEDULED ON CAMPUS FOR FALL 2009.**

**Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> – PM – in the NLRC **TIMES ARE AVAILABLE AT 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:00 PM AND 3:30 PM****

***PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ONLY ONE SPOT – if you sign up for more than one slot, your name will be removed from all appointments!***

### **COST:**

The cost to the individual being fit tested is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to: Medi-Share. If you are paying by cash, you must bring exact change.

### **DOCUMENTATION:**

You will receive written documentation that you have received this training and fitting. Make a copy and give it to your clinical instructor ASAP. **It is valid for 1 year.**

### **APPOINTMENT SIGNUP:**

Please check the wall next to HB 408 for the sign-up sheet and a description of the procedure. On your appointment day, please wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Do not eat or drink anything other than water for 30 minutes before your appointment time. Appointments are scheduled on the half-hour, and the five students registered for that half-hour session are tested concurrently. Men: faces should be clean-shaven to achieve a good fit. Please bring a razor with you in case you have to shave to achieve a good fit.

### **PROBLEMS/QUESTIONS?:**

- If you are unable to make these testing dates, you will need to make your own fit test arrangements with Medi-Share **You will not be able to attend clinical at VMC until you complete this training/testing.**
- SEMESTER 8 VMC preceptorship students should attend this session.

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