

Georgia Southern University School of Nursing

Varicella (Chicken Pox) History Form

Eagle ID # _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle

Chicken pox (varicella) is now a vaccine-preventable disease. Chicken pox can be a serious and even life threatening illness in certain individuals. Several hospitals and clinical agencies with whom the Department of Nursing is affiliated for clinical experiences now require that we furnish documentation of a history of chicken pox (varicella) immunity. Varicella vaccination is now recommended for health care workers who have not had the chicken pox or who are susceptible to getting the chicken pox (unless there is a medical contraindication).ⁱ For these reasons we are now asking our nursing students to furnish us this information and recommending that those students who have a negative or uncertain history of chicken pox receive testing and vaccination if needed.

___ I have had the chicken pox. Approximate date: _____

___ I have not had the chicken pox or am uncertain as to whether I have had the chicken pox.ⁱⁱ

___ I have been immunized against chicken pox. Dates: _____

i. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (1997, May 16). Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, 46, 409-412.

ii. For adults with a negative or uncertain history of chicken pox, a blood test to determine susceptibility to chicken pox is suggested followed by vaccination of those who are susceptible (CDC).