



FOR POTENTIAL VARSITY ATHLETES ONLY

Sports Medicine

July 14, 2009

Dear Student-Athletes and Parents,

On behalf of the Sports Medicine Staff, welcome back to Hamilton College. The staff is committed to maintaining and improving the health and athletic performance of all our student-athletes. Athletic Training services, including rehabilitation, are provided to all students without cost. **Charges may be incurred for tests, x-rays/MRIs, medications, outside consultations and hospitalizations.**

As part of the Athletic Department, and under the direction of the team physician, the Sports Medicine staff provides high quality medical care for all Continental athletes as well as the entire Hamilton community. All full-time staff members are certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc., the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association, and the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association. Athletic training is an allied health profession recognized by the American Medical Association. Athletic trainers are responsible for the evaluation, management, rehabilitation and treatment of injuries/illnesses that often occur during participation in athletic endeavors.

The prevention of these injuries/illnesses, where possible, is of utmost concern. The Sports Medicine staff works in conjunction with the team physician, the Health Center staff, surrounding medical facilities, the Hamilton Athletic Department staff and the athletes to carry out these tasks.

As an integral part of our preventative efforts, we ask that you complete the [attached returning athlete form](#). Inside you will find questions related to your family's health, your orthopedic history, and your general health. Please complete and sign the enclosed forms, including your health insurance information.

The NCAA has changed its reporting requirements for students with ADHD. If you are currently taking medication for ADHD, you need to submit the following [additional information](#).

All information must be on file by **August 1, 2009, for students returning in the fall** and by **January 1, 2010, for those students returning in January**. We ask that you also read and sign the *Patient's Rights and Patient's Responsibilities* form.

In the event of an intercollegiate sports accident/injury, **the student's own health insurance will provide the primary coverage**. Any deductible or medical expenses not covered by the students insurance will then be covered by the College's intercollegiate sports insurance policy. The intercollegiate sports insurance provides coverage for 100% of reasonable and customary expenses up to a maximum of \$75,000. If you have any questions regarding the intercollegiate sports accident insurance, please contact Irene K. Cornish, director of auxiliary services at 315-859-4999.

We look forward to working with you and hope that your stay at Hamilton is injury free and happy.
Sincerely,

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