

REPORTING PROCEDURE FOR PERCUTANEOUS, MUCOUS MEMBRANE OR NON-INTACT SKIN EXPOSURES

OBJECTIVE:

To make available to residents a system of initiating, evaluating, counseling and follow-up after a reported occupational exposure to blood or body fluids and to adhere to the current OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard and the 2001 Public Health Service Guidelines for the management of occupational exposure to HBV, HCV, and HIV.

POLICY:

All residents who have an exposure to blood or body fluids will be followed by Employee Health Services (EHS). All procedures for maintaining confidentiality will be adhered to.

IN THE EVENT OF A BLOOD OR BODY FLUID EXPOSURE, IMMEDIATELY WASH CUTS OR PUNCTURE WITH SOAP AND WATER. FLUSH MUCOUS MEMBRANES WITH COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF WATER OR SALINE.

REPORTING PROCEDURE:

Report all percutaneous/mucous membrane exposures to Employee Health Services located in Medical Plaza I, Suite 624, if between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Report to the Emergency Department after hours, weekends and holidays, then follow-up with Employee Health Services the next business day.

It will expedite source patient testing for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C if you will bring the patient's consent for testing. Look in the chart under signed documents for CONSENT TO OPERATION, TREATMENT, TRANSFUSION OR OTHER PROCEDURES. Number 10 of this document reads: "In the event that a health care worker is exposed to my blood, I consent to the drawing of my blood for testing for HIV or hepatitis infection." Make a copy of this document to bring with you, or fax it to EHS at 932-6840. Call Employee Health at 932-3176 to confirm there is awareness you are faxing the document.

If the patient does not have this consent on the chart, report to EHS and the Employee Health Nurse will obtain patient consent.