

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**STUDENT EXPOSURE TO BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS OR OTHER
POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS MATERIALS -- Policy No. A069**

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Administration

Approved by Frank G. Pogue, President
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INTENT

It is the intent of this policy to provide the University community with a coordinated method of responding to student needle stick injuries, and exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

This policy does not apply to student employees of the University who are exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials as a result of occupational exposure. Student employees are provided coverage under the Employee Blood Borne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan.

POLICY

Due to the increased risk of hepatitis, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), and other diseases, it is important that students maintain a safe working and learning environment while engaging in activities that could lead to potential exposure to blood borne pathogens or other potentially infectious materials. The universal precautions approach to infection control shall be exercised at all times.

PROCEDURES

In the event an exposure incident involving blood or other potentially infectious materials, including needle sticks occurs, the following procedures shall be followed:

Immediately or as soon as possible, wash the wound or affected area with soap and water. Thoroughly flush the blood and body fluid splashes to nose, mouth, or skin with water. Irrigate eye splashes with clean water, 0.9% sodium chloride solutions, or sterile irrigants appropriate for ophthalmic use. Persons assisting the exposed individual shall take appropriate precautions, including but not limited to, wearing personal protective equipment.

Report the exposure incident to the designated supervisor or lab instructor immediately.

Determine whether the needle or sharp object was contaminated or clean. Contaminated refers to those objects used on patients or items found on the floor or in waste needle disposal containers. Clean indicates items being prepared for patient injection or as intravenous additives. Identification of the source individual, if possible, is extremely important.

The supervisor or lab instructor shall refer the student to an emergency room for medical evaluation and treatment. In the event the exposed student refuses to seek medical treatment, the individual shall be referred to Student Health Services where medical counseling will be provided. If the student still refuses a referral to an emergency room after receiving the appropriate medical counseling, the physician or nurse on duty at Student Health Services will have the student document his/her acknowledgement of the health risks involved and assist in providing appropriate follow-up care. The Student Health Services staff will assist with arranging transportation to the medical facility if necessary.

The supervisor or lab instructor shall contact the Safety Manager and Student Health Services as soon as possible after the incident. The supervisor or lab instructor and the exposed student shall jointly complete the Commonwealth Report of Accident or Illness form and the [Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure form](#) (both forms are enclosed). The original forms shall be sent to the University Safety Manager and copies of the forms shall be sent to Student Health Services. The Student Health Services staff will coordinate additional follow-up with the student as needed.

Definitions

Blood means human blood, human blood components, and products made from human blood or other potentially infectious materials.

Blood borne pathogens are Pathogenic microorganisms that are present in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

An exposure incident occurs when contact is made by the eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, non-intact skin or perenteral contact with blood, infectious or other potentially infectious materials.

A licensed health care professional is a person whose legally permitted scope of practice allows him or her to independently perform the activities required by paragraph (f) Hepatitis B Vaccination and Post-exposure Evaluation and Follow-up.

Needle sticks are puncture wounds incurred from needles or sharp objects such as glass, scalpels, vials, etc. Other exposures to blood/body fluids include, but are not limited to, splashes of body fluids into eyes or onto mucous membranes or non-intact skin or human bites.

Occupational Exposure is defined as reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood, infectious or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties.

Other potentially infectious materials include, but are not limited to, the following human body fluids: semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva in dental procedures, any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, and all body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between body fluids; any unfixed tissue or organ (other than intact skin) from a human (living or dead); and HIV containing cell or tissue cultures, organ cultures, and HIV or HBV containing culture medium or other solutions; blood, organs, or other tissues from experimental animals infected with HIV or HBV.

A source individual can be, but is not limited to, any individual, living or dead, whose blood or other potentially infectious materials may be a source of occupational exposure to the employee. Examples include, but are not limited to hospital and clinic patients; clients in institutions for the developmentally disabled; trauma victims; clients of drug and alcohol treatment facilities; residents of hospices and nursing homes; human remains; and individuals who donate or sell blood or blood components.

Universal Precautions is an approach to infection control. According to the concept of Universal Precautions, all blood and certain human body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HBV, HIV and other blood borne pathogens.

REPORT OF INCIDENT/ACCIDENT

DATE PREPARED

See Management Directive 630.2
 Send completed report immediately. If additional space is needed for any item, attach 8 1/2x11 sheet referring to item number.

1. TIME AND LOCATION

INCIDENT / ACCIDENT DATE	TIME:	LOCATION (STREET & NUMBER, BUILDING/INSTITUTION, CITY, COUNTY, STATE)
	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	

2. PERSONS INJURED

NAME	ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NO.	AGE	EXTENT OF INJURY

3. PROPERTY DAMAGE

OWNER	ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NO.	ESTIMATED DAMAGE
		\$
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DAMAGE DESCRIPTION	

4. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT / ACCIDENT

5. WITNESSES

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT / ACCIDENT	NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NO.
	a. _____
	b. _____
	c. _____

6. CLAIM INFORMATION (If no State employe is involved, disregard this section.)

NAME OF EMPLOYEE INVOLVED	WORKING TITLE	ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NO.
AGENCY	IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	SUPERVISOR'S BUSINESS ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NO.

7. NOTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CLAIM

HOW NOTIFIED?	IS CLAIM BEING MADE?
<input type="checkbox"/> LETTER <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN

8. REPORTED BY

AGENCY	BUREAU/INSTITUTION/FIELD OFFICE		
INDIVIDUAL PREPARING REPORT	NAME (PRINT)	WORKING TITLE	BUSINESS TELEPHONE NO.

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