

Blood-Borne Pathogen Exposure Student/Postdoc Procedure Portland Campus

BLOOD OR BODY SUBSTANCE EXPOSURE DEFINITION

Blood or body substance exposure occurs when:

- A. Human patient or non-human primate blood or body substance or other potentially infectious material comes in direct contact with the student's/postdoc's mucosa of mouth or eye or open skin lesion; or
- B. The student's/postdoc's skin is penetrated by a needle or other medical instrument contaminated by such substance.

PROCEDURE

- A. Promptly wash the exposed area or injury with soap and water. Irrigate exposed mucosal surfaces with water as soon as possible. If injury is percutaneous, the student/postdoc may allow it to bleed.
- B. The student/postdoc should notify their supervisor, then call or go directly and immediately to the JBT Health & Wellness Center (503-494-8665, basement of Baird Hall, Room 18) or to the Emergency Department (outside of JBT hours) and tell the triage nurse he/she is a student/postdoc with an exposure to blood/body fluids.

1. The student/postdoc should provide the following information about the exposure source to the JBT Health Center or the Emergency Department (do not delay reporting if this information is not known or is difficult to obtain):

- a. The source patient's name, medical record number, location in the hospital, diagnosis;
- b. Previous hepatitis or HIV history and/or testing (Note: if patient is HIV positive, try to obtain current viral load/CD4 count/drug therapy as relevant);
- c. Other potentially infectious conditions; and
- d. Any other known risk factors (e.g. history of IV drug use).

Note: Your health care instruction site will arrange for testing of the source patient when possible.

2. The student/postdoc should report the following information to the JBT Health & Wellness Center or the Emergency Department:

- a. History of hepatitis B vaccine and postvaccination series titer results;
- b. Approximate date of last tetanus booster; and
- c. Previous HIV or hepatitis C antibody test results.

- C. Follow-up serologic testing for bloodborne pathogens will be performed at the JBT Health & Wellness Center for active students and postdocs. Students who are no longer active (graduated, withdrawn, LOA) and ineligible postdocs will be referred to the community for followup care and testing. JBT will be available to review any remaining timeline for testing and follow-up prior to this transition.

- D. All occupational exposures to OHSU employees, volunteers and students must be documented on a confidential Incident/Quality Concern Report. This form is to be submitted electronically to the student's learning site supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.

BILLING

- A. The student will need to utilize their own personal health insurance for billing purposes. Students are not covered by workers' compensation.
- B. The JBT Health & Wellness Center can attempt to have the OHSU Emergency Department (ED) bills adjusted on the student's behalf. Any bills acquired outside of the OHSU ED are the student's responsibility to resolve.