Physician/Non-Associate Health Care Workers (HCW)
Protocol for Blood/Body Fluid (BBF) Exposures
During Regular Business Hours (M-F 8am-4:30pm): Report to Occupational Health
After Hours & Weekend: Report to the Nursing House Supervisor

Physician/Non-Associate HCW incurs a needle stick or other BBF exposure

- Report exposure immediately.
- Source testing should be ASAP.
- PEP is recommended within 1-2 hours for positive exposures.

A member of the nursing staff must assist the Physician/Non-Associate HCW with the report of injury into Meditech. Non-patient notification.
- The Physician/Non-Associate HCW must also complete the written BBF Exposure Report and submit it to the Occupational Health Office so the appropriate results may be relayed in an expeditious manner.

CSR will perform courtesy labwork on the source only. The Occupational Health Office staff or the House Supervisor must complete the lab requisitions. Source testing includes HIV, Hep B and Hep C

Is the source of exposure known?

YES

Were the Rapid HIV results negative?

YES

The Physician/Non-Associate HCW should follow up with his/her employer or school for further testing.

NO

If the source was a known positive and/or the Rapid HIV results were positive, the physician/student should be referred to the Emergency Department for a medical evaluation and initial 3 day prophylaxis treatment.

If Prophylaxis treatment is recommended, the exposed individual must take the Rx script to the hospital pharmacy.

NO

If the Physician/Non-Associate HCW requests initial prophylaxis, he/she will be referred to the Emergency Department for a medical evaluation and initial 3 day prophylaxis treatment.

Physicians/Non-Associate HCWs should report all exposures to their employer and/or school in addition to CSR.

You will be contacted by a member of the Occupational Health staff or the Nursing Supervisor with the results of the labwork. Please do not contact the lab directly.

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