Objective:

To ensure provision of post-exposure evaluation and follow-up for any student exposed to blood or other potentially infectious material while performing a student learning activity.

Definition:

“An exposure that might place a Health Care Provider (HCP) at risk for HBV, HCV, or HIV infection is defined as a percutaneous injury (e.g., a needlestick or cut with a sharp object) or contact of mucous membrane or non-intact skin (exposed skin that is chapped, abraded, or afflicted with dermatitis) with blood, tissue, or other body fluids that are potentially infectious.” (Center for Disease Control, 2001)

“In addition to blood and body fluids containing visible blood, semen and vaginal secretions also are considered potentially infectious…. The following fluids also are considered potentially infectious: cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, peritoneal fluid, pericardial fluid, and amniotic fluid…. Feces, nasal secretions, saliva, sputum, sweat, tears, urine, and vomitus are not considered potentially infectious unless they contain blood.” (Center for Disease Control, 2001)

Policy:

Any student exposed to blood or other potentially infectious material while performing a student learning activity will immediately notify the Employee Health Representative of the
agency where the exposure occurred so that all agency procedures can be followed. Immediate notification is critical to enable agency procedures for testing the source patient.

The student will then notify campus-specific representatives as required (see below for campus specifics) as soon as possible.

The exposed student will comply with all recommended treatment and follow-up procedures.

Reference:


Reporting to Campus Student Services

IUPUI Health Services

IUPUI Health Services provides health services to IUSON students exposed to infectious diseases in the course of their training. Such diseases include, but are not limited to HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and tuberculosis. These services are provided at Coleman Hall. There may be a charge for services. You may need to submit a claim to your health insurance company to obtain reimbursement for the charges you incur. A licensed healthcare professional from student services will evaluate the incident and determine whether treatment is indicated. This initial evaluation can be done through phone conversation. If indicated, short-term plans for post-exposure follow-up and/or counseling will be initiated. Preventive treatment and counseling, as appropriate, will be at the student’s expense.

Address: Coleman Hall 1140 W. Michigan St., #100 Indianapolis, IN 46202 Hours: M, T, W, F – 7:30am to 5pm Th – 9am to 5pm

Telephone: 317-274-8214 Web site: www.health.iupui.edu

24/7 Pager: 317-630-7574

Hospital Infection Control Departments may provide additional assistance regarding contagious diseases, especially those transmitted by airborne or contact means.

IU Health: 317-962-2157
What to do if...

1. You have a contaminated injury (needlestick or splash with blood or body fluid)
   a. During normal business hours
      i. notify your instructor / preceptor immediately
      ii. identify source patient name, MRN, HIV and hepatitis status, risk factors
      iii. page 312-OUCH (312-6824) to report the exposure and to arrange for source patient testing
      iv. report to IUPUI Health Services promptly
   b. During off hours:
      i. identify patient name, MRN, HIV and hepatitis status, risk factors
      ii. page 312-OUCH (312-6824) for any questions or if the exposure is a significant risk for HIV
      iii. follow instructions from the IUPUI Health Services staff member c. Refer to www.health.iupui.edu/ouch for further information

2. If you have a potentially contagious disease (i.e. chickenpox, pertussis, etc)
   a. Notify your instructor / preceptor immediately
   b. During normal business hours go to IUPUI Health Services promptly for evaluation
   c. For after hours care, page 312-6824

IU Bloomington Health Services

What to do if...

1. You have a contaminated injury (needlestick or splash with blood or body fluid):
a. Notify your instructor / preceptor immediately

Because IUSON places students in Bloomington, Monroe, Dunn, Morgan, Columbus, and Schneck hospitals, students exposed to infectious diseases including, but not limited to HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and tuberculosis in the course of their training should utilize the OUCH policy for each facility promptly to minimize delay in treatment. During normal business hours, the phone number for Employee Health at IU Bloomington Hospital is 812-353-6824. After hours call the IU Health Bloomington Hospital Operator at (812) 353-6821 to page Employee Health.

2. If you have an active infection or have had a known exposure to communicable disease such as chickenpox, pertussis, tuberculosis, or meningococcemia:

a. Notify your instructor / preceptor immediately

b. Notify the Employee Health Representative at the clinical agency so that all procedures can be followed

During normal business hours, go to Indiana University Health Center promptly for evaluation. There may be a charge for services. You may need to submit a claim to your health insurance company to obtain reimbursement for the charges you incur.

Address: Indiana University Health Center 600 N. Jordan Ave. Bloomington, IN 47405 Hours: M-F – 8am to 4:30pm

Telephone: 812-855-4011 Web site: http://healthcenter.indiana.edu/

IU Bloomington Health Services: After Hours Care

Available during fall and spring semesters only. The IU Health Center has an after hours telephone call service for medical advice. The hours are

* Monday-Friday, 5pm to 11pm

* Saturday and Sunday, 8am to 11pm

The service is staffed by Health Center medical providers and is intended for students who have urgent questions concerning a medical illness, injury or problem. The number to call is (812) 330-3790.
When the Health Center is closed and the after hours telephone call service is not available, you may call Bloomington Hospital Emergency Department at (812) 353-9515 or the School of Optometry Eye Emergency Care at (812) 855-8436.

IU Columbus Health Services

What to do if...

1. You have a contaminated injury or (needlestick or splash with blood or body fluid):
   a. Notify your instructor / preceptor immediately
   b. Report to your primary care physician or Promptmed for treatment and follow-up care. Obtain documentation of this visit and return to clinical with the documentation.

2. You have a potentially contagious disease (i.e. Chickenpox, pertussis, etc.):
   a. Notify your instructor / preceptor immediately
   b. You should see your primary care provider and bring documentation of no longer being contagious prior to returning to clinical.

There may be a charge for services. Any charges are your responsibility. You may need to submit a claim

________________________________________________

Approved by Administrative Cabinet, 2-17-93
Revision approved by CCNF Student Affairs, 2-27-06, 10-25-10
Revision approved by CCNF Executive Committee, 3-6-06, 11-23-10
Revision approved by CCNF Business Meeting, 4-17-06, 11-29-10
Approved by BSN Student Affairs 12-5-13
Approved by BSN C/SA 1-31-14
Approved by Faculty Assembly 2-10-14