

Sample Procedure: Evaluation and Follow-up of an Exposure to Blood and Other Potentially Infectious Material

Special Instructions:

1. Any School Vaccine Provider who sustains a needle stick injury or other parenteral or mucosal exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material (OPIM) shall immediately wash the affected area with soap and water. If washing facilities are not available the School Vaccine Provider shall use the alcohol based hand gel and paper towels. Mucous membranes should be flushed with water¹.
2. The School Vaccine Provider shall proceed to the closest Urgent Care / Emergency Department for post exposure evaluation and treatment if indicated. NOTE: Postexposure prophylaxis should be initiated as soon as possible, preferably within hours rather than days of exposure. ²
 - i. The School Vaccine Provider who has sustained the exposure with blood or OPIM may enlist the assistance of personnel at the facility (i.e. the school principal) if needed.
3. The employer of the School Vaccine Provider shall be notified as soon as possible, within 24hours, of the exposure
4. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that the post exposure evaluation and follow-up includes¹:
 - i. Documentation of the routes and circumstances of the exposure.
 - ii. Identification and testing of the source individual, if possible, in accordance with state laws. If the source person is known, the source person may be asked to voluntarily submit to a blood test.
 - a. Under certain circumstances, and in accord with M.R.S.A. 19203-C, a source that has refused to voluntarily submit to a blood test may be required by a court order to do so.
 - iii. Testing of the exposed employee's blood for HBV, HVC and HIV.

¹ CDC.Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HBV, HVC, and HIV and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis.MMWR.2001.50(RR11);1-42

² CDC.Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for Management of Occupational Exposures to HIV:Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis.MMWR 2005;54 (RR09);1-17

- a. The HIV blood test may consist of specimens drawn at the time of exposure and at recommended intervals up to 6 months. Counseling occurs according to the state law M.R.S.A. 19203, B., or when requested.
 - iv. Post-exposure prophylaxis as ordered by the physician.
 - v. Post-exposure counseling, as indicated for the employee.
 - a. If the employee declines evaluation or treatment they shall sign a declination form that indicates that the employee has been counseled regarding the risks, treatment has been offered and the employee refused the evaluation and treatment.
- 5. The school shall maintain strict confidentiality in accord with statutes, policies and procedures. The employer of the school vaccine provider shall maintain accurate, confidential, separate records for each employee with an occupational exposure. These records shall be maintained consistent with the maintenance of OSHA records. These records shall be maintained for a period of 30 years after the termination of the employee.

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