

NEEDLESTICK/BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

Time is crucial! Act as follows:

- ◆ Wash exposure site thoroughly with soap and water.
- ◆ Notify the resident, rotation supervisor, or the nursing supervisor who should request source-person clinical information and blood work (e.g., HBsAG, HCV, antibody, HIV) unless HIV, HBV & HCV status is known.

On campus/Near RowanSOM/ During business hours:

Immediately contact the SOM Department of Medicine - Division of Infectious Diseases, Rowan Medicine building, Stratford Campus at 856-566-7070 (press 6). Identify yourself as a SOM student with a potential bloodborne exposure and request an urgent appointment or further instructions.

Off campus/After business hours:

Go immediately to the nearest emergency department for evaluation or call 866-HIV-CHEC for advice and to locate the nearest emergency center.

Exposure Guidelines

- ◆ Receive appropriate tests, e.g., for HIV, HBV panel, HCV BUN, creatinine, U/A, LFTs, amylase, CBC with diff & pit, electrolytes, glucose, and urine pregnancy test, when appropriate.
- ◆ Receive risk-assessment counseling and chemoprophylaxis (if needed). If elected, chemoprophylaxis should begin as soon as possible after exposure, best within hours of exposure.
- ◆ All exposures MUST be reported. Complete an Incident Report form at the incident site as well as with RowanSOM. Call the Office of Student Affairs at 856-566-6740 for instructions.

Submitting Claims

- ◆ Submit all claims to your health insurance company. **Please note, this is NOT a workers compensation claim.**
- ◆ Bring any outstanding bills or unreimbursed medical expenses to the RowanSOM Office of Student Affairs, UEC-2105.
- ◆ Copies of incident reports from the hospital/facility and RowanSOM are required to process these payments.