



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 or near RowanSOM:

Immediately contact Garden State Infectious Diseases, (856) 566-3190 - located at 709 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd., Voorhees for an urgent appointment or further instructions.

Off campus:

Go immediately to the nearest emergency department 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 856-566-6482 for instruction.

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, AC-214.
- ◆ Copies of Incident Reports from the hospital/facility and RowanSOM are required to process these payments.