



Non-Laboratory Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan

Title: Bloodborne Pathogen Occupational Exposure Plan

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I. Scope

The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy (COP) is committed to keeping students, faculty, and staff (henceforth referred to as 'employee') safe during all clinical and laboratory experiences. Occasionally during a clinical, outreach, or lab experience, students may be exposed to blood or body fluids or have a needle stick. Specific precautions must be taken immediately to ensure the health and safety of the student as well as others in the area.

The scope only covers activities related to patient care. This policy does not cover laboratory procedures in research areas. These labs are governed under laboratory specific safety protocols.

II. Purpose:

To establish a mechanism for response to a COP employee or student exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

III. Policy:

It is policy to address promptly the exposure of blood and other potentially infectious materials. This includes:

- Sharps-related materials
- Exposure to non-intact skin
- Mucous membrane exposure
- Extensive or prolonged intact skin exposures

All COP employees and students will complete a Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Report Form (Appendix A) and submit this to the College Safety Officer in addition to receiving care at EH or SH.

IV. Procedures for employees:

- a. Reporting for COP faculty and staff:



Immediately

As soon as you notice an exposure or needle stick with a contaminated needle it is imperative that you immediately clean the area for at least 15 minutes with a disinfectant or soap.

Notify

Immediately notify your immediate supervisor. The source patient/student should also report to the area supervisor/instructor if possible.

Report

If you were exposed to blood or body fluids, either directly or through a contaminated needle, you will need to report to Employee Health at Ohio State McCampbell Outpatient Care (Employee Health / EH) for a Blood Borne Fluid Exposure (BBFE) evaluation within the hour. If you are unable to report to EH within an hour, report to the closest emergency room. If you were exposed to a clean needle, medical follow up is suggested but not mandatory. If you are going to EH, please print off the Exposure Form (below) and take with you to EH. There is no cost for care for the employee.

- b. Testing of exposed employee: If the source is known positive, the exposed employee will be referred immediately for assessment and treatment of their exposure. Current practices recommend treatment within the first few hours following an exposure. If the exposure occurs when Employee Health is unavailable, the employee should be referred to the OSUWMC Emergency Department, or the nearest emergency care facility.
- c. Once emergency care is given, Employee Health will contact all exposed employees if further counseling is necessary. The employee may be requested to provide a blood sample for baseline testing. Employees are asked to contact Employee Health if they have not been contacted within 48 hours of their incident.
- d. Follow-up for the exposed employee: All post-exposure testing and counseling will be performed as necessary by Employee Health and will be recorded in the exposed employee's medical record, which is stored at Employee Health.

V. Procedures for students

- a. Reporting for COP students:



Immediately

As soon as you notice an exposure or needle stick with a contaminated needle it is imperative that you immediately clean the area for at least 15 minutes with a disinfectant or soap.



Notify

Immediately notify your immediate supervisor. The source patient/student should also report to the area supervisor/instructor if possible.



Report

If you were exposed to blood or body fluids, either directly or through a contaminated needle, you will need to report to Student Health at Ohio State (Student Health / SH) for a Blood Borne Fluid Exposure (BBFE) evaluation within the hour. If you are unable to report to SH within an hour, report to the closest emergency room. All exposures involving blood or body fluids are to be reported promptly to the student's immediate supervisor and will be reported by Student Health (SH) to the Epidemiology or Infection Control Office at Ohio State.

- b. Testing of exposed student: Refer to Appendix B for Student Health Process of Care for OSU Student Blood Borne Fluid Exposure



Appendix A

Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Report Form

Name _____ Date _____

Email. _____ Phone _____

Date of Exposure _____

Type and brand of device involved in exposure _____

Description of incident (use the back of the sheet if necessary):

Has the Source Patient consented to testing? YES NO

Name and contact information for source patient if available:

Witnesses and contact information, if any:



Appendix B – Student Health Center Process of Care

Student Blood and Body Fluid Exposures (BBFE)

