

BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN POLICY

Post-Exposure Plan

Involving a needlestick or other potential exposure to a bloodborne pathogen by a student, intern, or assigned volunteer.

Immediate Post-Exposure Reporting:

1. **Cleanse the wound and surrounding area** with soap and water (for a needlestick or body fluid exposure), or flush eyes, nose, or mouth with copious amounts of tap water (for a splash to the face/eye).
2. **Notify the clinical instructor immediately**, as soon as a student experiences a needle-stick or sharps exposure. Early reporting is essential for proper evaluation and timely treatment.
3. **Immediate Evaluation:**
 - After notifying faculty, the student must go directly to the clinical site's Emergency Department.
 - The ED staff will determine the type of exposure and what medical actions are required. This may include drawing baseline labs or other assessments.
 - The student is responsible for any associated medical costs.
 - *HIPAA consent*: If source-patient testing is needed, the student must obtain HIPAA-compliant consent from the patient. This consent allows the clinical site to perform any necessary testing to help determine the student's risk level.
 - If *off-campus* exposure/out of area:
 - Report to the nearest hospital Emergency Department for evaluation and treatment.
 - Tell the triage staff that you experienced an occupational exposure to blood/body fluids or a needlestick.
 - The student is responsible for any associated medical costs.
4. **Follow-up Care:**
 1. Inform your clinical instructor regarding the exposure.
 2. Complete the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Report form within 24-hours of your exposure.
 3. Send a copy of the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Report form to the School of Nursing clinical coordinator.
 4. The university Health Center is available to see the student afterward if they experience any issues, concerns, or symptoms. However, all needle-stick exposures must be treated at the site where the incident occurred, not at the Health Center.

Individual's responsibilities:

The exposed individual is responsible for:

1. Becoming familiar with post-exposure procedures before an exposure occurs.
2. Obtaining medical treatment and follow-up. (See above)
3. Completing the necessary form. (See below)
4. Notifying your clinical instructor of your exposure.

5. Billing for your evaluation is your responsibility and must be self-submitted.

Clinical Instructor responsibilities:

The clinical instructor is responsible for:

1. Becoming familiar with post-exposure procedures before an exposure occurs.
2. Knowing the location of the nearest health care provider able to perform post-exposure evaluation and treatment.
3. Informing the course faculty, clinical coordinator, and the Associate Dean of Nursing of a bloodborne pathogen exposure.

School of Nursing responsibilities:

The school of nursing is responsible for:

1. Disseminating post-exposure information to students, interns, or assigned volunteers who are at risk for exposure to human blood/body fluids.
2. Informing the Student Health Center of a bloodborne pathogen exposure.
3. Informing the exposed individual's home department/program of a bloodborne pathogen exposure.

Moravian University Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Report Form

Name_____ **DOB**_____

Department/Program: Cell Phone_____

1. When the incident occurred (date and time)
2. Where the incident occurred
3. What potentially infectious materials were involved - Type of fluid (i.e., blood)
4. The route(s) of exposure: circle one Needlestick / Splash / Other: Describe__
5. The circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred (Type of work being done)
6. How the incident was caused (Accident, Unusual circumstance (equipment malfunction, etc.), Description of the device being used)
7. Identification and documentation of the source individual, unless it can be established that identification is infeasible or prohibited by state or local law (HIV and HBV status of the source, if known)

Source Name and date of birth:

Facility where Exposure occurred:

Facility where Exposure was evaluated:

Was testing completed on YOU (the exposed individual)?

Was testing completed on the source patient (or will be tested)?

8. Follow-up after exposure to review testing will be done at what location?

Any questions, please contact The Moravian University Health Center – 610-861-1567