



Policy

TITLE: Blood and Body Fluid Exposure

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APPROVER(S): Dean of Medical Education, OCS Head of School

NUMBER: Reference # OCS 400.4

I. Purpose

Standard precautions should be taken by all Ochsner Clinical School medical students and educational faculty to prevent blood or body fluid exposures. If a student does sustain an exposure while on rotation or on the premises, it is the policy of Ochsner Health System to offer medical screening, evaluation, and treatment as stipulated in this policy.

II. Scope

All OCS Students and educational faculty.

III. Policy Statements

- A. The wound or area of exposure should be thoroughly cleansed and treated with a topical antiseptic solution.
- B. The student should immediately report the incident to the rotation supervisor.

- **Main Campus students:**

During regular hours, Mon.-Fri.:

Immediately report incident to rotation supervisor and report to Ochsner Employee Health and Wellness Office

During after clinic hours or when Employee Health is closed:

Immediately notify the rotation supervisor.

- **Neighborhood campuses:**

During regular hours, Mon.-Fri.:

Immediately report incident to rotation supervisor and report to Ochsner Employee Health and Wellness Office

During after clinic hours or when Employee Health is closed:

Immediately notify the rotation supervisor.

Students should report to the Emergency Department only for the following reasons:

- As directed by the rotation supervisor or
- The wound is serious enough to need emergency attention or the eye needs to be flushed.

- All students that do go to the Emergency Room should report to Employee Health and Wellness Office on the next regular business day.

In all instances, after following the above procedures, students should email the OCS Administration at med.ocsStudentAdmin@enquire.uq.edu.au to provide details of the incident. This information will be used by OCS Administration to submit to UQ Occupational Health and Safety via the online *Injury, Illness, and Incident Reporting System*.

- C. If an exposure occurs from a known HIV source, it is important that the student be treated within two hours; report incident immediately to the rotation supervisor and report to Employee Health and Wellness, when open, or after hours, report to the rotation supervisor immediately who will coordinate your visit to the Emergency Department.
- D. If the HIV status is unknown, a Rapid HIV test on the source patient will be ordered by Employee Health or the rotation supervisor. (see OHS Occupational Exposure to HIV policy #157740-12)
- E. STORM reporting should be completed as soon as possible when a student sustains a Blood & Body Fluid Exposure.
- F. If the source has any other known disease which may put the student at risk for long term or serious illness, Employee Health and Wellness will initiate steps toward further evaluation and follow-up related to exposure to that specific disease.
- G. Follow-up appointments for evaluation for students will be according to Employee Health Protocol and Infectious Disease guidelines.

H. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this policy may result in progressive discipline up to and including termination of employment for employees or termination of contract or service for third-party personnel, students or volunteers.

FORMS TO BE COMPLETED

Student's Report of Occupational Injury or Illness

Blood & Body Fluid Exposure Report

(Both forms to be completed in Ochsner Employee Health and Wellness Office)