



Needlestick / Blood or Body Fluid* Exposure (BBFE)

1. **WASH** the area with soap and water. If mucous membrane exposure (eyes, nose, mouth); **FLUSH** with water.
2. **REPORT** to supervisor/nurse manager or Principal Investigator of research lab.
3. **Notify EHS**, Monday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, at MSW **212-523-8530/ MSSL 212-523-1754**.
At other times, notify the Nursing Administrator on duty (dial “0” for page operator MSW/MSSL).
4. **REFER the EXPOSED person for medical evaluation and care:**

Note: The current process for referral of the exposed individual for medical evaluation is unchanged.
Seek care immediately.

- **Staff, volunteers:** Employee Health Service, Monday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm) or Emergency Department (at other times)
- **Medical Students:** Jack Martin Fund Clinic, 17 East 102nd Street (Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm, **(212-824-7395 or 57395)**)
- **Other Students/Non-Employees/Agency or Travel Staff:** Emergency Department or employer-designated provider for follow-up care.

5. The **EXPOSED** person takes:

- Employee Accident/Injury Report to the medical evaluation, signed by supervisor.

6. **SOURCE ASSESSMENT done by provider in conjunction with EHS or Nursing Administrator:**

- May include review of medical record and/or interview source patient about HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C status.
- If known HIV positive, active Hepatitis B, or other high risk source may alert Infectious Disease MD on call.

7. **SOURCE PATIENT Laboratory tests to be ordered by provider in conjunction with EHS or Nursing Administrator:**

Every patient needs (3) GOLD SPECKLE TOP TUBES

- *Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg).....Speckle Top Tube*
- *Hepatitis C antibody (anti-HCV or HCV Ab).....Speckle Top Tube*
- *HIV rapid antibody (HIV Ab) test*.....Speckle Top Tube*

- *HIV verbal consent with chart documentation.*

- *Anonymous HIV test for source that is unable to consent.*

- *If known HCV positive HCV RNA Quant2 Lavender Top Tubes*
- *If known HIV positive HIV Viral Load2 Lavender Top Tubes*

*Potentially infectious body fluids include: blood, cerebrospinal fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, synovial fluid, semen, vaginal secretions, any visibly bloody fluid, and unfixed tissues.

*Vomit, saliva, nasal secretions, sputum, tears, sweat, urine and feces are **not** considered infectious unless visibly contaminated with blood.*