



## Needlestick / Blood or Body Fluid\* Exposure (BBFE) Effective 2/28/18

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 – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, at **646-951-7223 or 57691**.  
At other times, notify the Nursing Administrator on duty (dial “0” for page operator MSH).
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, 19 East 98<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm) or Emergency Department (at other times)
  - **Medical Students:** Jack Martin Fund Clinic, 17 East 102<sup>nd</sup> 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 (1) GOLD (1) GREEN (1) PEARL TOP TUBE.**
  - *Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg).....Gold Top Tube*
  - *Hepatitis C antibody (anti-HCV or HCV Ab).....Gold and Pearl Top Tube*
  - *HIV rapid antibody (HIV Ab) test\*.....Green Top Tube*
    - HIV verbal consent with chart documentation.
    - Anonymous HIV test for source that is unable to consent.
  - *If known HCV positive HCV RNA Quant .....Pearl Top Tube*
  - *If known HIV positive HIV Viral Load .....Lavender Top Tube*

\*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.