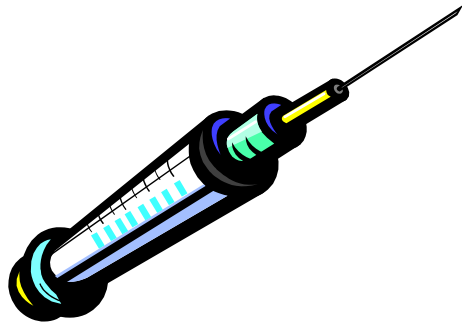


Needlestick & Blood Splash Exposures Protocol for VIHA Staff



- If you have been poked by a needle or other sharp object that you suspect has been in contact with blood or a body fluid containing blood.

Or

- If you have been splashed in your eyes or mouth with blood or a body fluid containing blood.

1. Immediately:

a. For a needle poke or a cut:

- i. Wash the affected body part with soap and water;
- ii. Disinfect with an alcohol swab;
- iii. Apply a sterile dressing if necessary.

b. For a splash with blood or body fluid containing blood:

- i. Rinse mucous membranes well with tepid water or saline.

2. Go to the closest hospital Emergency Room for assessment as soon as possible (within 2 hours). While in Emergency, ensure that you receive the Needlestick/Exposure Package.

3. Follow Up:

- a. Leave a voice mail message with the Wellness & Safety - Occupational Health Nurse - Telephone number is:

Central / North (250) 755 – 7691, ext. 3014

South (250) 370-8111, ext. 3132

Please provide:

- Your name;
- Your date of birth;
- A telephone number where you can be reached;
- The source/patient's name, date of birth, and nursing unit.

An Occupational Health Nurse will contact you during regular office hours (Monday - Friday) for further follow-up.

- b. Complete the EIR Form (Employee Incident, Exposure, Symptom, Injury and Accident Investigation Report).

- Fax page 1 (White page) immediately to Wellness and Safety
- Send page 1 (White page) to Wellness and Safety (via interoffice mail)
- Give the remaining copies to your immediate supervisor.

Manage Other Injuries/Splashes According To The Protocols Found In The Infection Control Manual Or Material Safety Data Sheet As Applicable.