

NEEDLESTICK PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURE

Exposure to Blood or Body Fluids:

Any student who sustains a needlestick or other wound resulting in exposure to blood or body fluids should follow the following protocol. Please keep in mind, that drug prophylaxis following a high-risk exposure is time sensitive, therefore you must immediately seek help from the appropriate hospital department. Immediately wash the affected area with soap and water and cover the area with a dressing if possible. For an ocular exposure, flush thoroughly with water. Inform the supervising resident and immediately report to the areas listed below. Please bring the source patient information with you (name and medical record number). Also, bring with you three (3) tubes (2 gold top and 1 purple top) of blood specimen drawn from the source patient.

At University Medical Center:

Go directly to UMMC Employee/Student Health (N136, 601-984-1185)

If UMMC Employee/Student Health is closed, report to the UMMC Emergency Department. Please identify yourself as a UMMC student at the time of registration.

At the VA:

Go directly to the VA Emergency Department (or Health Nurse as available).

At Baptist:

Go directly to UMMC Employee/Student Health (N136, 601-984-1185)

If UMMC Employee/Student Health is closed, report to the UMMC Emergency Department. Please identify yourself as a UMMC student at the time of registration.

Follow-Up Testing

All follow-up testing for students is done at Employee/Student Health Services. Follow up with Employee/Student Health Service the next working day to review your lab results, develop a treatment plan and to schedule follow up testing.