

Notification of Incident/Exposure:

Since residents will be serving at different hospitals during their training program, each resident will be governed by a particular facility's exposure control plan. A resident is required to follow the protocol of the hospital to which he/she is assigned if/when the incident/exposure (i.e., needle stick) occurs. All hospitals require that an incident report be completed. The hospital will send the report to the WCGME office to be documented with WCGME's Worker's Compensation Insurance Company. Initial treatment will be provided by the hospital with necessary follow up treatment by the Internal Medicine Clinic at KUSM-W. After an exposure, residents should not treat themselves or other employees involved.

Protocol for Blood-borne Pathogen Exposure for WCGME Residents at Wesley Medical Center, Via Christi - St. Francis Campus, Via Christi - St. Joseph Campus and the VA Medical Center is as follows:

Wesley Medical Center

- Clean and decontaminate exposed area.
- Report the incident within 2 hours to ensure rapid HIV testing of source patient; bring along a chart sticker for the source patient (or at least patient name and location).
 - a.) Page employee health nurse Monday through Friday if incident occurs between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. (4 p.m. on Thursday).
 - b.) After hours go to the emergency department.
- Ask one of the above to assist with completing a Hospital Notification report (HNS). (A charge nurse on the unit where the incident occurred can also assist with the HNS).
- Appropriate lab procedures will be performed on resident at no charge.
- If a bill is received, contact Cindy Ainsworth, Medical Education, at 962-3361.

Via Christi Regional Medical Center

St. Francis Campus and St. Joseph Campus

- Clean and decontaminate exposed skin and/or mucous membranes.
- Notify Employee Health Services (EHS) immediately at 650-5570; EHS hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- After EHS hours, on weekends and on holidays, page the Medical Center House Supervisors.
- You will be directed where to obtain follow-up.
- Complete the Exposure Investigation Report.
- Appropriate lab procedures will be performed, at no charge, on the resident and/or patient.
- Consider starting HIV prophylaxis with Combivir (AZT and Lamivudine) within 1-2 hours of significant exposure*.
- *Significant exposure is defined as a deep injury with visible blood on device causing the injury, device removed from source-patient's vein or artery, or source-patient with end-stage AIDS.
- If bill is received, contact Julie Harris in the Medical Education office at 858-3578.

VA Medical Center

- Clean and decontaminate the exposed area. Notify service/unit supervisor.

- From 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F, notify Medical Services Administrative Assistant (ext. 53940) or Surgical Service Program Assistant (ext. 53283); if after hours, have the operator page the Nursing Coordinator, who will provide the proper forms.
- Go to Triage; open 24 hours, with forms. M.D. on duty will complete his/her portion.
- VAMC will cover the cost of emergency care related to the incident.