

## **OU-Tulsa Student Needle Stick/Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Protocol**

Any needle stick, cut, exposure to damaged skin, splash into eyes/nose/mouth or any other incident that exposes you to body fluids or contaminated material will be treated as an exposure incident.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MANAGE A PATHOGEN EXPOSURE YOURSELF. APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION AND TIME SENSITIVE MANAGEMENT ARE SAFEGUARDS TO YOU AND YOUR HEALTH.

**Clean or flush** the site of the exposure

**Immediately report** the incident

**Stop** the patient

1. **WASH** the affected site with soap and water or **FLUSH** the affected eyes or mucus membranes.
2. **IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE EXPOSURE AND STOP THE PATIENT:**
  - Notify your attending, faculty, or preceptor of the needle stick or exposure.
  - Notify the Employee Health Services or House Supervisor at the facility of the needle stick or exposure.
  - STOP the patient - DO NOT let the source patient leave until further instructions are provided. Obtaining source patient labs is *critical* for timely post-exposure management, including the initiation of PEP (post-exposure prophylactic medication), if indicated.
3. **REPORT TO OU-TULSA STUDENT HEALTH or KOKO (OU-Tulsa Risk Management Nurse):**
  - During normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:
    - Call OU-Tulsa Student Health Clinic at (918) 660-3102 to receive further instructions.
      - If no answer, leave a detailed message (including your name, phone number and clinical site location) and someone will return your call as soon as possible.
      - Students will report in person to the OU-Tulsa Student Health Clinic within TWO hours from the time of the exposure or immediately the next business day if exposure occurs after-hours or at a rural facility.
  - After-hours, on weekends/holidays or at a site more than 50 miles from campus:
    - Call Koko at (918) 660-3628 to receive further instructions.

AND

- Call OU-Tulsa Student Health Clinic at (918) 660-3102 and leave a detailed message (including your name, phone number and clinical site location).
- Students will report in person to either Student Health or Koko immediately the next business day.

**NOTE:** All medical care provided to the student, including but not limited to post-exposure labs, vaccines, medications and follow up visits are the *financial responsibility of the student* and/or will be billed to the student's needle stick insurance policy or to their health insurance carrier. Students not covered under the student health plan should check with their insurance carrier to see if their policy includes needle stick coverage. If not, it is strongly recommended that students purchase a separate needle stick policy annually through Academic Health Plans.

### **OU-Tulsa Student Health Services**

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