



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Infection Control – Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish a process to manage blood exposure and develop processes for prevention of infection.
- II. **POLICY:** All exposure to blood which have the risk of blood borne pathogens shall be reported to Corrections Medicine management and managed by Corrections Medicine providers.
- III. **DEFINITION:**
 - **Exposure** - Any percutaneous injury (needle stick, animal bite, cut, contact with mucous membranes or contact with skin) that is compromised in any manner, including open wounds, chapped abrasions, and dermatitis that is exposed to blood tissues, or other body fluid to which universal precautions apply. These fluids include semen, vaginal secretions, blood, or other body fluids contaminated with visible blood.
- IV. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff working in the Corrections Medicine program shall adhere to universal precautions and understand prevention, control and management of blood borne pathogen exposure. All medical employees, faculty, temporary workers, trainees, volunteers, students, and vendor regardless of employer shall adhere to the outlined procedure.
- V. **PROCEDURE:**
 1. Immediately following any exposure to human blood the affected area should be cleansed with soap and warm water and flushed with copious amounts of warm water. Eye irrigation stations are present in the medical department for any eye exposure.
 2. An incident report shall be completed and will include the names of all persons involved in the incident.
 3. Any and all exposures should be reported immediately to a provider. Orders and follow up care for patients will be determined and performed by the Corrections Medicine healthcare staff unless emergency care is required.
 4. If lab testing is needed, obtain a signed consent from the individual who is the source of the blood exposure. If the source of exposure is a patient, contact a provider to obtain an order for the necessary labs. Corrections Medicine staff will draw blood and send the blood samples to a lab as ordered.
 5. Assessment lab testing and management of staff shall be completed through a contracted occupational health provider.

6. The incident, description of injury, orders, and treatment shall be documented in the electronic medical record.

VI. **REFERENCE:**

American Correctional Association. Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities; 4th Edition; 2004