

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY POST-EXPOSURE PROCEDURE

Blood Borne Pathogens Exposure

"Blood borne pathogens" refers to disease-causing microorganisms present in blood or other potentially infectious body fluids. Any "high-risk" exposure, defined as an accidental puncture injury, mucous membrane, or non-intact skin exposure to human blood/body fluid, should be considered infectious regardless of the source, and the following steps should immediately be taken.

1. Immediately and thoroughly wash the exposed site with soap and water, or the eye/mucous membrane with water or saline.
2. Report the incident to your supervisor or program preceptor.
3. Immediately (within 2 hours) be evaluated at Providence St. Vincent's Emergency Room, located at US Hwy 26 and Hwy 217, or at the nearest medical facility if outside of the Portland area, for the risk of exposure to HBV/HIV and preventative therapy initiated as indicated.
4. If you are unsure whether step 3 pertains to your situation, call the Providence St. Vincent's Emergency Room at 503.216.2361; students may also call the Student Health Center at x2269 (503.352.2269 from off-campus).

Contact with the following bodily fluids or materials is not covered by this section: feces, nasal secretions, saliva, sputum/spit, sweat, tears, urine, and vomit. If any of the preceding bodily fluids contain visible blood, follow the high-risk procedures listed above.

Do not attempt to clean up any spills of human blood or other potentially infectious body materials unless you have received the Hepatitis B immunization series and have been trained in Pacific University's "Blood borne Pathogens: Exposure Control Plan" or "Students Infectious Disease Policy: Exposure Control Plan". Campus Public Safety, (CPS) and Custodial Staff have been immunized and trained for spill cleanups. For assistance dealing with spills of bodily fluids containing visible blood, contact Custodial at 503.352.2213 during business hours, Campus Public Safety 503.352.2230 during off-hours, or the Resident Director if the spill is in an on-campus housing area.

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