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of Science and Health
M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies

EXPOSURE TO BODY FLUID AND BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS (A3.05)

Despite using preventative measures as delineated in the OSHA and Infection Control courses **(A3.05a)**, it is possible for students to be exposed to infectious and environmental hazards, including body fluids and bloodborne pathogens, in the course of clinical work. If such exposure occurs, students should immediately undertake the following steps **(A3.05b)**:

- Remove soiled clothing,
- Wash exposed skin thoroughly,
- If eyes were exposed, remove contact lenses and flush eyes for 15 minutes,
- Notify your clinical preceptor immediately,
- Obtain name and medical record number of patient, if known,
- Immediately seek care at the appropriate clinical department. During regular business hours, this site is probably the Employee Health Service. After regular business hours, or on weekends, it is probably the Emergency Department. You will be offered testing for HIV and hepatitis C and may be offered post-exposure prophylaxis depending on the nature of the exposure and the serostatus of the patient.

Updated guidelines on post-exposure prophylaxis are available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: *Bloodborne Infectious Diseases* | *NIOSH* | *CDC*

REPORTING INCIDENTS/EXPOSURES

After seeking care for any exposures or other incidents in which the student is involved while on clinical rotation, the student must immediately inform the Program Director and Clinical Education Director of the event. The student should obtain copies of all relevant paperwork regarding the exposure and all treatment offered and/or administered to the student and send them to the Director of Clinical Education.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POST EXPOSURE (A3.05c)

Yeshiva University is not responsible for any medical bills that the student may encounter and therefore students must have independent medical coverage. All Yeshiva University PA students are required to purchase health insurance. Students may purchase health insurance through the University's affiliate or their own private insurance company. Students with medical insurance purchased through Yeshiva University's partner and/or private insurance may be subject to out-of-pocket expenses for fluid exposure incidents in school-related activities in a clinical setting. Students are responsible for contacting their insurance carrier for coverage details.