

### **Procedures to Follow After a Potential BBP Exposure**

Exposed students should wash the area thoroughly (soap and water if skin, water if eyes) and notify their supervisor of the incident immediately. If a supervisor is not immediately available, they should contact the Employee Health office without delay. If working in a lab, provide a description of the agent or sample being handled when the incident occurred (e.g. blood, viral vector, HIV agent, etc.)

\* A USC incident report must be completed after post-exposure evaluation has been initiated.

Any student that experiences an exposure incident will be offered an immediate medical evaluation, post-exposure evaluation and follow-up in accordance with the OSHA standard. Post-exposure follow-up will be provided (or in some cases arranged) by the USC School of Medicine Employee Health Service. Management will include counseling regarding risks, evaluation of the medical risk and of reported illnesses, and treatment and follow-up as indicated.

- For non-emergency injuries, the supervisor and injured worker TOGETHER will call CompEndium Services immediately at 877-709-2667
- CompEndium will assist you in processing and scheduling your work related injury for treatment and claims handling with your insurance provider.
- The injured employee/student and his/her supervisor will then complete the USC Injury Report and fax to 877-710-2667
- In the case of an emergency, dial 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room and then contact your supervisor and CompEndium Services at 877-709-2667.

CompEndium will have someone available 24/7 at 877-709-2677

The contact numbers for the USC School of Medicine Employee/Student Health office, Jennifer Evans, LPN: office 803-216-3374 cell 618-559-0419.

Students with exposures occurring after 4:00 p.m., on weekends or holidays, or in a facility other than the USC School of Medicine, should immediately report the exposure to the supervisor/charge nurse and follow institutional policies for notifying the appropriate employee health, infection control, or clinical administrator of the facility in which the individual is working. The USC School of Medicine Employee Health office should be notified of the exposure as soon as possible.

For students rotating at the Dorn Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (DVAMC) or Florence, specific instructions are:

#### **1. DornDepartmentofVeteransAffairsMedicalCenter(DVAMC):**

During working hours, the student should immediately report to the Employee Health Clinic (call ext. 6530 or pager 084, Room 1B116 (Bldg 22) for evaluation and treatment. After working hours, report to the DVAMC Urgent Care. If there is a problem receiving treatment at the Urgent Care, the student should call the Medical Officer of the Day (MOD) directly or by asking the operator to page him/her.

#### **2. McLeodRegional MedicalCenter, CarolinasHospital System,orPrivateOffices**

During work hours, the student should report immediately to McLeod Occupational Health office.

If an exposure occurs after hours or on a weekend, the student should call the House Nursing Supervisor (843-777-6768).

**3. MUSC Health campus:**

During business hours the student will call the Employee Health nurse 843-674-4706 and after hours, call the House Supervisor 843-674-1200.

**4. HopeHealth campus:**

During business hours, call Employee Health 843-610-5563 and then notify the Graduate Clinical Coordinator 843-667-9414 ext.2658.

As soon as possible on the next business day, the student should notify Jennifer Evans LPN the student health nurse at the USC School of Medicine Employee/Student Health Office (803 216-3374; cell 618-559-0419

Regardless of the location of care, medical students should identify themselves **specifically as USC SOM medical students** seeking evaluation and treatment for education-related exposures.

**Collection and testing of blood from Source Patients for HCV, HBV and HIV**

In order to properly evaluate a student following an exposure to potentially infectious blood or body fluid, testing for blood-borne pathogen infection should be conducted on the “source patient,” assuming the source of the exposure is known. Each clinical department should have a protocol to follow that includes testing of the “source patient” for infection with HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. The student’s supervisor and/or clinical staff in the department should be able to ensure that the proper tests are ordered without delay. The source patient tests to order are:

- Rapid HIV antibody
- Hepatitis B surface antigen
- Hepatitis C antibody

**Post-Exposure Collection and testing of blood from Student for HCV, HBV and HIV**

Testing the student is not necessary unless the source patient tests positive for a blood-borne infection. If the source patient tests positive for one of the above infections, the exposed employee's blood shall be collected as soon as feasible and tested.

Post-exposure prophylaxis, when medically indicated, will be provided as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.