ACTION FOLLOWING A BLOOD / BODY FLUID EXPOSURE

FOR ADVICE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF A BLOOD / BODY FLUID EXPOSURE CONTACT OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT THE NUMBER ABOVE.

Opening Hours: Mon – Fri 8.30am -1.00pm & 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Outside of these hours attend the nearest Emergency Department.
Contact the Occupational Health Department next working day to ensure follow up of exposure

MANAGEMENT STEPS

1. APPLY FIRST AID TREATMENT
2. INFORM YOUR MANAGER
3. IDENTIFY THE SOURCE
4. COMPLETE YELLOW BLOOD / BODY FLUID EXPOSURE FORM No. 1C
5. ATTEND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH OR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
6. COMPLETE NEAR MISS AND INCIDENT REPORT FORM

FIRST AID TREATMENT

Sharp Injuries
Encourage area to bleed. Wash with any soap and cold water. Do not suck the wound. Cover with dressing.

Bites and Scratches
Encourage area to bleed. Wash with any soap and cold water. Do not use a nailbrush. Cover with dressing.

Splashes
Wash with any soap and cold water. Contaminated clothing should be removed.

Eyes
Wash eyes with sterile normal saline or cold tap water.

Mouth
Rinse mouth thoroughly with cold water.

THE SOURCE

2. (The Patient/Client)
   MEDICAL / SURGICAL TEAM
   Responsible to take blood from patient

   One Red-capped bottle
   Microbiology Form (45D)
   (in the Essential Clinical Information area of form write SOURCE)

   With Informed Consent test for:
   - Hepatitis B surface antigen
   - Hepatitis C antibodies
   - HIV antibodies
   (If known Positive for any of above contact Occupational Health or Emergency Department Immediately)

PERSON EXPOSED

3. (The Staff Member)

   One Red-capped bottle
   Microbiology Form (45D)
   (in the Essential Clinical Information area of form write PERSON EXPOSED)

   With Informed Consent test for:
   - Hepatitis B Antibodies

MARK EACH FORM AS

URGENT - Blood Body Fluid Exposure
Send samples immediately to the Microbiology Lab - CUH