

Name of Policy: College of Medicine & Life Sciences: Student Occupational Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens/ Needle Stick and Airborne Pathogens/ Tuberculosis			
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☐	Major revision of existing policy	☐	Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy statement

The College of Medicine and Life Sciences ensures that students are educated about exposure to infectious and environmental hazards, methods of prevention, and procedures for care and treatment should exposure occur.

(B) Purpose of policy

- To minimize risk to students from infectious and environmental hazards in their learning environment
- Standardized procedure associated with treatment and management of occupational exposure will be made available to all students and faculty and will be disseminated periodically to all stakeholders

(C) Scope

- M.D. Program-University of Toledo College of Medicine
- Visiting medical students
- Physician Assistant Program - University of Toledo
- Pathology Assistant Program
- Graduate and Undergraduate Program students with exposure to human blood, body fluids or tissue.

(D) Procedure

Education about air and blood borne pathogens must occur prior to students' first contact with patients and first contact with human tissue, blood products, and body fluids.

- Infection control precautions (Policy 3364-109-IS0-404)
- Hand Hygiene Policy (3364-109-GEN-102)
- Disposal of sharps (HM-08-020)
- Tuberculosis Exposure Control Plan

Note: all policies/plans/procedures referenced in this plan can be found on the policy website: <http://www.utoledo.edu/policies>

BLOOD / BODY FLUID EXPOSURE

Universal blood and body fluid precautions lessen the risk of exposure to such fluids, and these precautions must be used routinely

In the event of exposure to blood or body fluids, you should immediately:

-Excuse yourself and decontaminate (wash with soap and water) the exposed site **immediately**

-Report to your immediate supervisor (Attending/Fellow/Resident physician)

-Get to care without delay for immediate treatment

-If at University of Toledo Medical Center: - go to the Emergency Department and identify yourself as a UToledo healthcare student.. Emergency department / Occupational health Nurse will facilitate further evaluation as deemed necessary.

-If at a ProMedica site: Contact the Ouch Line (1.877.880.6824). You will either be directed to the Emergency Department or to 360 Health for evaluation

-If at an outside facility: (For away rotations/ global health elective/ Medical missions) follow the host institutional policy if known or go to the Emergency department

-Follow up after immediate treatment

1- -Regardless of where the initial care is received it is the responsibility of the exposed student to bring in medical records for follow up care at Student Health Center (419.383.3745) to avoid delays in treatment.

2- -A follow up visit should be scheduled to review the results of baseline testing, provide additional counseling, support, and assess medication side effects, compliance and provide additional medication if applicable

3- Notify office of student affairs-and fill out the Student Accident and Injury Report: <http://utoledo.edu/depts/safety/Forms.html>

4- Office of student affairs will contact office of environmental health and radiation safety (Sr. Safety and Health Specialist):

https://www.utoledo.edu/depts/safety/Contact_us.html

-Payment

**-At the University of Toledo Medical Center Emergency Department/
Occupational Health:**

-all charges will be waived

-Outside facility:

-If the hospital does not cover the cost, then the University of Toledo College of Medicine will cover the student's out-of-pocket costs up to a maximum of \$1000. (Medical insurance should be billed first. Any out-of-pocket cost, such as co-pays, will be paid by UTCOMLS up to \$1,000.00. Student must promptly present all medical bills to office of student affairs who will connect with COMLS finance for payment/reimbursement.)

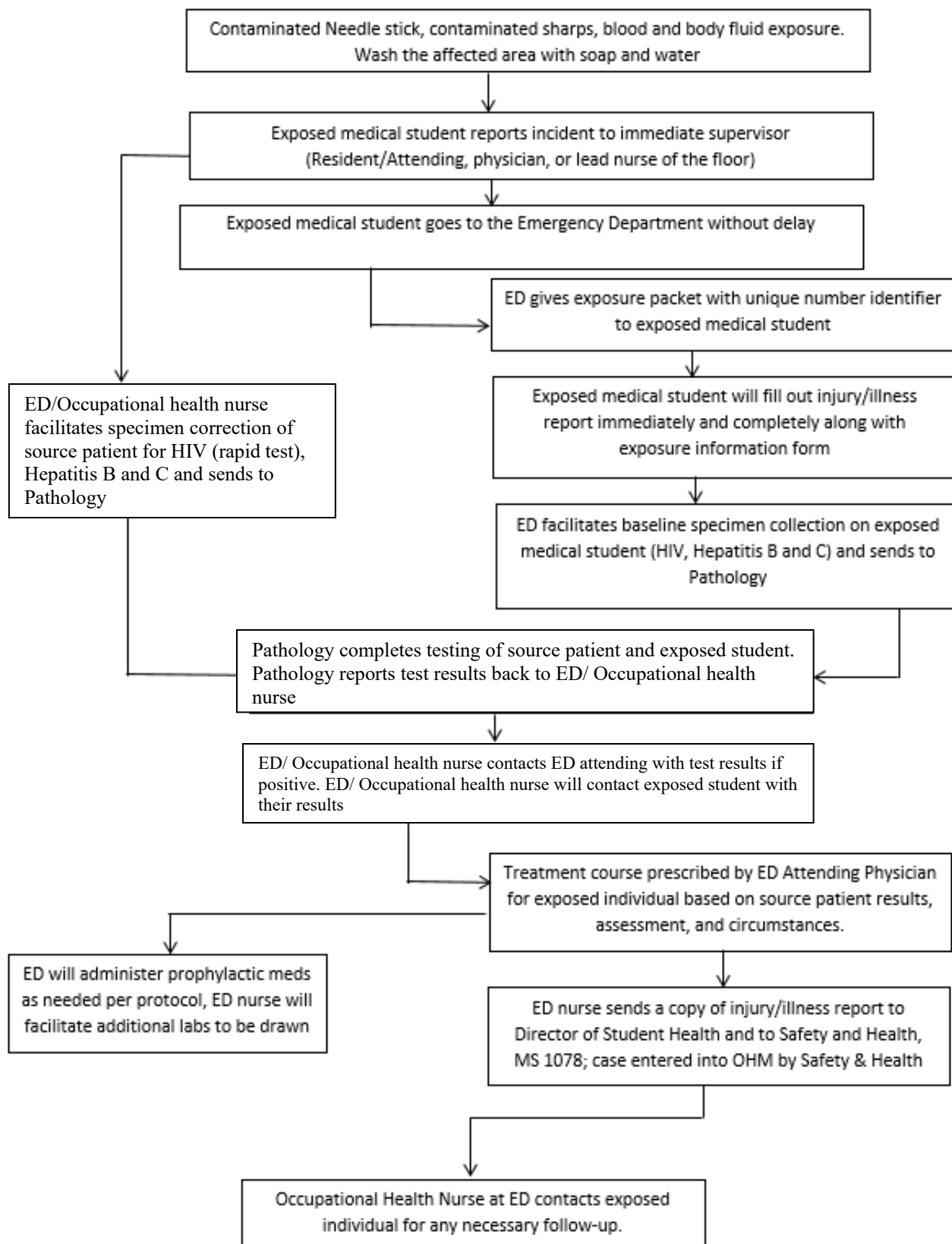
-Student Health Center for follow up care: any additional testing cost will be borne by the student.

-Questions:

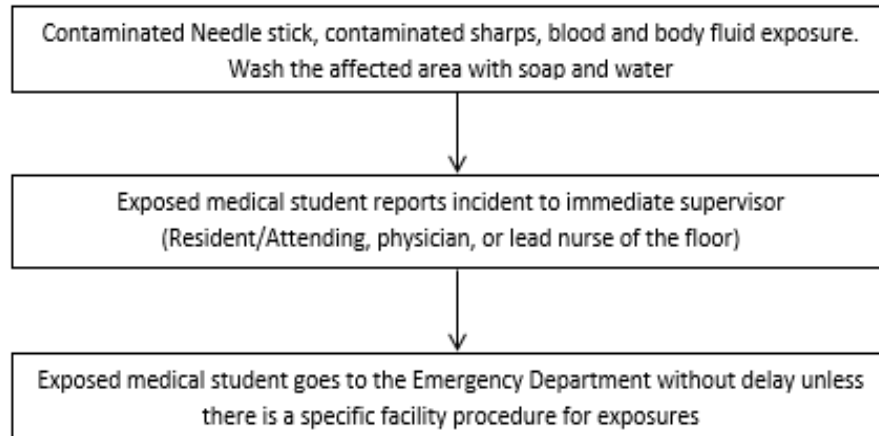
-Director of Student Health – Student Health Center 419.383.5000

-Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions- 419.383.4055

Procedure for exposures in University of Toledo Medical Center



Procedure for Exposure in Outside Facilities (Including Medical Missions and Global Health Programs)



Follow up treatment after initial treatment

Can be obtained at Student Health Center (419.383.5000) Comprehensive Care Center, 3333 Glendale Ave, Toledo, OH 43614 . Exposed healthcare student needs to bring appropriate records from outside facility to avoid delays in treatment.

EXPOSURE TO ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS

Notify office of student affairs

-If at University of Toledo Medical Center- In addition to a screening questionnaire, all exposed students will be tested for Mycobacterium tuberculosis through Student Health Center.

Goal is to complete initial testing within 18 days of exposure.

Current Status	Required testing	Results	Follow Up Required
Previous negative responder	IGRA (Interferon Gamma Release Assay) or 2 step TST (Tuberculin Skin Test)	Negative	Repeat testing 8-10 weeks; If second testing results are negative-no further follow up required
Previous negative responder	IGRA or 2 step TST	Positive	Chest X-ray and follow up with Student Wellness Center
Previous known TST or IGRA positive responder	Symptom Screen	Negative	Repeat testing 8-10 weeks; If second testing results are negative-no further follow up required
Previous known TST or IGRA positive responder	Symptom Screen	Positive	Chest X-ray and follow up with Student Wellness Center

-If at an outside facility (For away rotations/ global health elective/ Medical missions)

Follow the host institutional policy to get initial testing as indicated above in that facility. Further testing in 8-10 weeks can be done at Student Health Center 419.383.5000.

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