

Exposure Control Policy

Accidental Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure to STI Students

- I. Policy:** All Southeastern Regional School District students who sustain a needle stick injury, a cut from a sharp instrument, or a mucous membrane exposure to blood or other body fluids must document the incident by filling out an incident report and by notifying the Externship Supervisor and the Program Director of the incident.

- II. Immediate First Aid Recommendations:**
 - a. If exposure is blood borne:
 1. To skin: wash immediately and thoroughly with soap and water.
 2. To mucous membranes: flush immediately and thoroughly with water.
 3. To eyes: flush copiously with running water for at least 15 minutes.

- III. Rationale:** To document accidental parenteral or mucocutaneous exposure to blood and body fluids. To provide appropriate post-exposure prophylaxis and counseling to all injured students.

- IV. Procedure for Reporting:**
 - A. All needle sticks, cuts from instruments or glass contaminated with blood or body fluids, or human bites must be reported immediately by the injured student to his/her Externship Supervisor and the Program Director.
 - B. Blood contamination of open cuts, mucous membranes (e.g. eyes, mouth), or skin areas with severe dermatitis must also be reported by the exposed student.
 - C. A Southeastern Regional School District Incident Report Form must be filled out by the student within 24 hours of the incident. The incident report is routed to the school nurse, the STI Director, and the Program Director.
 - D. The following information must be included on the incident report:
 1. Name of source client, if known, with source client permission.
 2. Risk status of source client for all forms of hepatitis and HIV, if known.
 3. The risk assessment must be performed by qualified personnel.
 - E. The injured student, after reporting the incident to the appropriate externship supervisor, STI Director, will contact his/her private physician. If the injured student does not have a private physician or if the physician is unavailable, the student shall report to the nearest emergency room. Upon returning to school or externship, the student should provide the Program Director with documentation of medical follow-up.
 - F. Injured student must seek immediate medical attention as prophylaxis is most effective (against hepatitis, tetanus, etc.) if given promptly after exposure.
 - G. Routine testing of the source client for hepatitis and HIV is highly recommended but not mandatory.