

EmergencyKT: Occupational Blood-Borne Pathogen Exposures at University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Important Note:

This is a complex process given the amount of special situations that exist. Please utilize the Injury Line professionals to help guide you.

If an exposed worker presents to the ED with a possible blood-borne pathogen exposure, please follow these steps...

STOP
 Instruct the exposed worker to call the Injury Line at 585-8000. No further action will be needed by ED staff.

Is the exposed worker a UC Health associate? (Pay check comes from UC Health)

Instruct the exposed worker to call the Injury Line RN at 585-8000 (a representative from the ED can call as well).
 They will help to answer: did a blood borne pathogen exposure occur?

STOP
 Triage injury (if appropriate)
 No BBP protocol required.

Did a blood borne pathogen exposure occur?

Two options now exist (the Injury Line nurse will help you decide which is the appropriate course of action):
 Register the exposed worker as an outpatient (NOT to be seen by ED MD) **OR** register the exposed worker as an ED patient (to be seen by the ED MD).

- Register as ED Patient:**
- Significant injury needing care (even if UCH associate)
 - Source HIV+
 - Source refusing to be tested (and no blood in lab)
 - Source unknown/not at UC
 - Non-occupational exposure
- Physicians will use the black packet and follow the instructions within**

- Register as Outpatient:**
- Utilize BBP exposure "red packet" (the lab can send this if needed).
 - Please follow the packet instructions: registration is to register the exposed worker as outpatient and call work control (47800) for the ED phlebotomist to come and draw blood.
 - The exposed worker should be placed in "Internal Waiting RM". 12 in ED by registration.
 - The injury line nurse will assist in how to order lab work on the source patient (use lab requisition in red packet; or, if desired, an order called "needlestick I (Source Patient)" can be placed in EPIC).
 - If the source patient is at UCMC *but not in ED* the injury line nurse will help coordinate getting the source patient's labs done.
- All forms are to be returned to registration to be put in Christina Hinkle's mailbox.**

Any questions call: Christina Hinkle
 Office: 584-3379; pager 230-4864

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