



What should I do if I am exposed to blood or body fluid of a patient?

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Immediately Following an Exposure

Wash cuts, puncture wound or skin abrasion with soap and water.

Flush splashes to the nose, mouth or skin with water, irrigate eyes with water, saline or sterile irrigates

Responsibilities

- Treating physician/medical designate must obtain informed consent, from the patient source or their substitute decision maker, in order to test for a blood borne pathogen
- Prompt blood draw on patient source care set **Common body fluid exposure** STAT in Powerchart (do not use Ministry of Health HIV testing kits)
- Adverse Event Reporting System (AEMS) be sure to choose Workplace/Injury/Illness/Hazard Event

Post Exposure Follow Up

- Baseline blood draw by OHSS
- If source confirmed as Unknown, positive follow up blood work required/treatment
- Follow up in Emergency Department only when OHSS is closed.
- VH Mon.0700-2000 Tues.-Fri. 0800-2000
- UH Mon. 0700-1600 Tues-Fri. 0800-1600