Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Protocol

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the prevention and transmission of blood borne pathogens in the clinical setting. This policy follows the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control.

Prevention of Transmission:

1. It is required that all students complete the immunizations required for entry into their allied health program.
2. It is required that all students adhere to the principles of standard precautions while in lab practice and clinical settings.
3. All students will complete blood borne pathogen training prior to clinical placement.

Exposure Management:

Contact with blood or other body fluids via an open wound, non intact skin, mucous membrane or "needle stick" exposure. To minimize the risks associated with exposure the student will take the following steps immediately:

1. Thoroughly wash the exposed area.
    a. Non intact skin - Wash with soap and water for 5 minutes
    b. Mucous membranes - Flush extensively with water or saline for 15 minutes.
    c. Avoid cleansers that irritate the skin, or trying to squeeze or rub the site as that will increase blood flow to that area.
2. Notify your preceptor or facility supervisor.
3. Notify your program coordinator or his/her direct supervisor.
4. If possible have the "source patients" blood tested for HIV/HBV within 1 hour of exposure.
    a. Results should be sent with the student to the medical facility for treatment.
5. Seek medical attention immediately for medical evaluation and to decide what type of follow up treatment is needed.
    a. Post exposure care for the prevention of HIV and HBV should be within 3 hours for maximum effectiveness.
    b. Students must be evaluated post exposure, but have a right to make an informed decision on treatment options.
6. Complete an incident report provided by TCR.
7. Complete any forms required by TCR for Workman Comp claims.

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Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Incident Report

Today's Date:_____ Date/Time of Exposure:_____

Students Name:_____ Phone:_____

Program and Location:_____

Clinical Site:_____ Preceptor Name:_____

Type of Exposure:

- ☐ Puncture (Needle Stick)
- ☐ Open Skin (Cut, Abrasion)
- ☐ Mucous Membrane
- ☐ Other:_____

Injury Location:_____

Body Fluid Involved:

- ☐ Blood
- ☐ Other:_____

Describe how exposure occurred:

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Signature:_____

Date:_____

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Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Checklist

- Stay Calm!
- Thoroughly wash the exposed area.
    - Non intact skin - 5 minutes with soap and water
    - Mucous membranes - 15 minutes with water or saline
- Notify preceptor or clinic supervisor
- Contact:
    - Lisa Hawkins, Allied Health Clinical Coordinator
        - 970-874-6589
        - lisa.hawkins@tcr.edu
    - C.J. Cannell, Director of Programming
        - 970-874-7671
        - cj.cannell@tcr.edu
- If possible, have "source patients" blood tested for bloodborne pathogens.
- Seek medical attention at the Delta Health Emergency Room ASAP, within 3 hours of exposure.
- Complete an incident report with TCR.
- Complete any forms required by TCR for workmans comp claims
- Follow up with program coordinator with treatment results/plan

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