## STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A NEEDLESTICK/ BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN OR TB EXPOSURE

## **Students**

## Apply first aid:

- Clean exposed area with soap and water for at least 15 minutes.
- Flush mucous membranes with water or saline for at least 15 minutes.
- If the source patient is known and present, keep individual on-site for a blood draw (\*see below)
- Notify instructor / clinic supervisor / hospital supervisor to report injury
- Obtain medical evaluation and treatment at: Student Health Services Clinic UTPB Suite 130 713-500-5171

Hours: M-F 8:30am - 5:00pm

- Call the Needlestick Hotline: 713-500-OUCH (if after hours the exposure coordinator will call you back shortly)
- Complete the 'UT Health Supervisor's First Report of Injury Form' to document the injury and submit to Risk Management & Insurance Program at OCB 1.330 or fax 713-500-8111
- \* In the State of Texas, you have the right to the identification, documentation, testing, and results of the source individual infectious disease status. Arrangements should be made immediately with UT Student Health Services or the hospital where the incident takes place for testing the source individual. Source individual testing should include HIV antibody, Hepatitis C antibody, and Hepatitis B surface antigen.

## UTHealth Employees, Faculty, or Residents

(you must receive a UT Health paycheck for these categories)

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  - Clean exposed area with soap and water for at least 15 minutes.
  - 2. Flush mucous membranes with water or saline for at least 15 minutes.
- If the source patient is known and present, keep individual on-site for a blood draw (\*see below)
- Notify clinic / supervisor / hospital supervisor to report injury
- Obtain medical evaluation and treatment at:
   UT Health Services Clinic
   UTPB Suite 100
   713-500-3267 (select Ext. 1)

Hours: M-F 7:00am – 4:00pm

- If after hours, call the Needlestick Hotline: 800-770-9206 (24-hr answering service will ensure exposure coordinator calls back promptly)
- Complete the 'UT Health Supervisor's First Report of Injury Form' to document the injury and submit to Risk Management & Insurance Program at OCB 1.330 or fax 713-500-8111
- In the State of Texas, you have the right to the identification, documentation, testing, and results of the source individual infectious disease status. Arrangements should be made immediately with UT Health Services or the hospital where the incident takes place for testing the source individual. UTP outlying clinics have been provided with exposure kits to draw source patient blood onsite. Source individual testing should include HIV antibody, Hepatitis C antibody, and Hepatitis B surface antigen.

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