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Medical Student Education on Prevention of Exposure to Infectious and Environmental Hazards in the Clinical Setting

The Medical College of Georgia requires education and training for all students in appropriate methods to prevent the transmission of communicable diseases, including blood-borne pathogens. The educational program includes content defined by CDC - developed guidelines for such training. The training is presented asynchronously at the beginning of the Preclerkship Curriculum, and annually thereafter. Students take a test to confirm understanding of the material. In addition, students are given explicit instructions on what procedures to follow, where to go for initial evaluation and follow-up should they be exposed.

Blood and Body Fluid Exposure Protocol

On the Augusta Campus or within 30 Minutes of Augusta

1. Immediately cleanse wound with soap and water or irrigate splash areas (eyes, mucous membranes) with normal saline or water.
2. Notify attending physician/nurse supervisor/supervising faculty member to report incident and order labs from source patient if possible (HIV Ab, HCV Ab, HBV Ag and other labs if necessary).
3. Complete hospital/clinic incident report and Student Health Intake Form (form located on SH website). Please include patient demographics (name, MR# & source code, if assigned). Keep a copy of all paperwork.
4. Within 3 hours of exposure, report to Student Health (706-721-3448) located in Pavilion II, Mon-Fri, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. If closed, report to nearest ER for labs and assessment for HIV prophylaxis. CMP should be ordered if HIV prophylaxis is considered or prescribed. HCG should be ordered before initiating prophylaxis for female patients. Provide facility with insurance cards.
5. If treating provider has questions concerning your exposure, call the PEP Line at 1-888-448-4911.
6. Submit a copy of your exposure paperwork to Student Health at shsrecords@augusta.edu

Outside the Augusta Area

1. Immediately cleanse wound with soap and water or irrigate splash areas (eyes, mucous membranes) with normal saline or water.
2. Notify attending physician/nurse supervisor/supervising faculty member to report incident and order labs from source patient if possible (HIV Ab, HCV Ab, HBV Ag and other labs if necessary).



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3. Complete hospital/clinic incident report and Student Health Intake Form (form located on SH website). Please include patient demographics (name, MR# & source code, if assigned). Keep a copy of all paperwork.
4. Within 3 hours of exposure, report to facility Employee Health or nearest ER for labs and assessment for HIV prophylaxis. CMP should be ordered if HIV prophylaxis is considered or prescribed. HCG should be ordered before initiating prophylaxis for female patients. Provide facility with insurance cards.
5. If treating provider has questions concerning your exposure, call the PEP Line at 1-888-448-4911.
7. Submit a copy of your exposure paperwork to Student Health at shsrecords@augusta.edu