

Creighton University School of Medicine

Medical Education Program Guidelines

GUIDELINE: Procedures for Care and Treatment After Exposure to Infectious or Environmental Hazards

GOVERNING BODY: Office of Student Affairs

LCME ACCREDITATION STANDARD REFERENCE: 12.8 Student Exposure Policies/Procedures

PURPOSE

Creighton University School of Medicine (CUSOM) has policies in place which effectively address medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards, including:

- the education of medical students about methods of prevention.
- the procedures for care and treatment after exposure, including a definition of financial responsibility.
- the effects of infectious and environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

All registered medical students, including visiting students, are informed of these policies before undertaking any educational activities which would place them at risk.

This guideline is created to give specific instructions for students in the case of an exposure to an infectious or environmental hazard.

GUIDELINE

CUSOM has developed and approved guidelines for the management of medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards, including bloodborne pathogens.

PROCEDURE

Students should take the following actions, based on the site where the exposure occurred.

For any site wherein students are exposed to a bloodborne pathogen, the exposed student shall wash or irrigate the exposed area(s) immediately or at the earliest possible time. For skin, the student must wash the exposed area(s) with soap and water; for eyes, the student must irrigate the exposed eye(s) with running water or saline for 15-20 minutes; for mouth, the student must swish his or her mouth with water and spit.

CHI Health Clinical Sites

- During all hours, contact the House Supervisor at the site where the exposure occurred and follow instructions.
- House Supervisor Contact Information:
 - CHI Health CUMC – Bergan Mercy Hospital: 402-398-6569
 - CHI Health Immanuel Hospital: 402-572-3890
 - CHI Health Lakeside Hospital: 402-717-8932
 - CHI Health Mercy Hospital: 712-328-5366

Children's Hospital and Medical Center-Omaha

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- During daytime hours, contact Employee Health at 402-955-6020.
- After hours, contact the Children's Charge Nurse within the individual unit or the House Supervisor at 402-955-7901.

Omaha VA Medical Center

- During daytime hours, proceed to Occupational Health for evaluation and treatment.
- After hours, weekends, and holidays, proceed to the Emergency Room for evaluation and treatment.

Methodist Hospital

- During daytime hours, contact Employee Health at 402-354-5684.
- After hours, contact the House Supervisor at 402-354-4150 (Office) or 402-709-8408 (Cell) to obtain information and testing on the source.
- Contact CHI Health Student Care Clinic at CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center – University Campus for medical testing, follow-up education, and treatment.
- Methodist Employee Health will contact the student with the results of source lab work.

Dignity Health Sites

- During daytime hours, notify Dignity Employee Health at 602-406-3172 and follow all procedures.
- After hours, go to the Emergency Room and contact Dignity Employee Health the next business day at 602-406-3172.

Phoenix Children's Hospital

- During daytime hours, notify the immediate supervisor and report to Occupational Health Services from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 602-933-5645.
- During other hours, call the House Supervisor at 602-933-1133 or 602-349-4077 for directions. Complete an Employee Report of Injury/Illness/Exposure form within 24 hours to document the incident.

Valleywise Health (MIHS)

- During daytime hours, notify Valleywise Employee Health at 602-344-5210.
- After hours, go to the Emergency Room (602-344-5411) and contact Valleywise Employee Health the next business day at 602-344-5210.

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While a student is on the Creighton University Campus

In the event of exposure to an infectious or environmental hazard, the student should immediately go to the Creighton University Medical Center—University Campus Emergency Room for evaluation and treatment.

Exposures at all other clinical sites and events

- Follow the facility's protocol.
- Where there is no facility specific protocol, request procedure for source patient testing. Students exposed should receive baseline testing at the local Emergency Department. Laboratory testing recommended includes: a) source patient – rapid HIV, Hepatitis B Surface antigen, Hepatitis C Antibody; b) exposed student – HIV 1 and 2 Ag/Ab, Hepatitis (if antibody status unknown), and Hepatitis C Surface antibody.

Completion of Necessary Documentation

All students must complete and submit the Creighton HR 24 Incident Report Form, or the incident form for the site where the exposure occurred, to Creighton Risk Management via encrypted e mail to: risk@creighton.edu.

Payment Information

Creighton Health Sciences students are required to have both inpatient and outpatient health insurance which covers accidents and illnesses. All charges for evaluation and treatment shall be submitted to the student's health insurance company for payment. Prescribed initial diagnostic testing and initial prophylactic treatment, which is not paid by the student's insurer, will be paid for by CUSOM until the source test results are received, but for no longer than five business days. This includes payment for any student co-pays and deductibles incurred during the first five days after initial diagnostic testing and initiation of prophylactic treatment. All other evaluation and treatment services and/or prophylactic treatments ordered are the responsibility of the student or his or her insurer. The student is responsible for submitting original billing receipts as supporting documentation to the Dean's Office within 30 days of his or her receipt in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

SCOPE

These guidelines include all Creighton University medical students and visiting medical students participating in CUSOM extramural electives.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATIONS

The Associate Dean for Student Affairs.