

NEEDLESTICKS & OTHER OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Residents/fellows who experience a needlestick or occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens are required to follow the guidelines listed below:

- ☐ Wear procedure work related injury “purple card” on their badges at all times.
- ☐ Immediately present “purple card” at point of care.
- ☐ Notify their supervisor of an accident or injury occurring while on the job.
- ☐ Keep their supervisor informed of their medical status on an on-going basis.
- ☐ Follow the physician’s treatment plan.
- ☐ Keep medical appointments and avoid any activity which will further aggravate the injury.

Accident or Injury Information

- ☐ During the day, the resident/fellow must go to the site’s Employee Health Department.
- ☐ Off-hours the resident/fellow should go to the Emergency Room of the working site.
 - If at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (Connecticut Children’s), go to Hartford Hospital’s Emergency Room.
- ☐ The incident must also be reported by the resident/fellow to the Capital Area Health Consortium.
 - During the day, this must be done immediately following initial treatment (preferably while at the Employee Health Department at the hospital).
 - If off-hours, a message with the resident’s/fellow’s contact number must be left.

Blood-Borne Pathogen Training

All residents/fellows are required to receive an annual training in blood-borne pathogens. The initial training is done at orientation for all new residents/fellows. The annual training renewal is part of the Institutional Curriculum requirements. The training is through the HealthStream web-based courses.

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