

POLICY ON BLOOD AND BODY FLUID EXPOSURE (NEEDLESTICK)

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I. PURPOSE

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a. Students are to

- ii. Clinical site directors may be needed to assist with ensuring the information is available to the clinician evaluating the student and to ensure the information will be communicated to Health Services.
- iii. Below are procedures depending upon the status of the source patient:
 - HIV status Unknown or Negative: An HIV test of the source patient is to be performed in accordance with Department of Health procedures for informing the patient of the need for the test/ consent. A rapid HIV test for the source patient is preferred to allow this information to be available to assist with the decision of post-exposure prophylaxis.

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