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POLICY FOR SCHULICH DENTAL AND MEDICAL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE NEEDLE-STICK INJURIES IN A NON HOSPITAL SETTING

In the event of a needle-stick injury or contact of mucous membrane/ non-intact skin with blood, semen or vaginal secretions:

1) Student should tell immediate their immediate supervisor as soon as it occurs.

2) Clinical supervisors, responsible for the students, will work with the student in gathering as much information regarding the patients involved with the needle stick injury.

3) Upon discovery that this has occurred, student should rinse the area with copious amounts of water (or hand sanitizer— if skin to skin)

4) Student should contact Schulich’s Student Affairs Assistant Dean., Dr. Francis Chan or Manager, Ms Pam Bere who will then contact St. Joseph’s Family Medical Centre (SJFMC) or direct the student to call into SJFMC directly within 48 hours of the exposure.

5) Student Affairs will direct the student to collect the following information for SJMFC
   - date, time and location of the Injury
   - serological status of patient with respect to HIV/Hep B/C (if known)
   - has patient’s blood been drawn/tested? Or if not, will patient permit it?
   - depth of exposure (was it in patient’s artery or vein)
   - traces of blood on needle before injury?
   - Patient’s risk factors for HIV/HepB/C
   - Proof of Hep B seroconversion and TB skin test
   - Needle gauge?
   - Method of cleaning wound

6) In most cases, St. Joseph’s Family Medical Centre will do both the baseline screening and the six month follow up.

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