

Blood or Body Fluid Exposure & Clinical Incidents Policy 1.4

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The SFASU Richard and Lucille DeWitt School of Nursing (SON) is committed to providing a safe and healthful environment for faculty and students. In pursuit of this goal, the following policy is provided to eliminate or minimize exposure to bloodborne pathogens or document any clinical incidents. This policy applies to all students and faculty.

For bloodborne pathogen exposure:

1. In the event the student/faculty is unable to follow the clinical site Bloodborne Pathogen Protocol for any reason, the individual may:
 - a. Consult a private healthcare provider
 - b. Report to Student Health Services and follow their Bloodborne Pathogen Protocol.
2. The SON requires faculty or designated person to complete the Incident Report Form within 24 hours of the incident.
3. In any event, notification of blood testing results will follow facility medical protocol.

PROCEDURE

1. Immediate treatment is provided to the individual at the clinical site where the injury occurs. The student/faculty will follow the clinical site Bloodborne Pathogen Protocol.
2. SON requires completion of an Incident Report Form within 24 hours of incident.
3. For the BSN student, the faculty member, or designated person(s), will accompany the student when completing clinical facility protocol and is responsible for ensuring that all medical actions required by the facility are performed.

For the **RN-BSN and MSN student**, the student will immediately notify faculty, follow the facility protocol, and be responsible for ensuring that all medical actions by the facility are performed.

4. In the event the clinical facility elects the SON to follow its own protocol the faculty and student may consult a private healthcare provider and report to Student Health Services.

- a. After reporting to Student Health Services, the Medical Director will contact the physician of the *source* of exposure and ask him/her to obtain consent for testing from the *source person*.
 - b. The Medical Director of Student Health Services will obtain consent from the exposed student/faculty for testing.
 - c. Based on the findings of the laboratory studies, the Medical Director of the Student Health Services will counsel the student/faculty and provide treatment according to medical protocol.
5. The Medical Director of Student Health Services is notified by the SON either by requiring medical treatment and/or copy of the Incident Form for University tracking.
 6. In either event notification of blood testing results will follow facility medical protocol.

For other clinical incidents:

1. The student is required to notify faculty at the time of the event and complete the Incident Report Form, and the clinical agency's incident report form, if appropriate.
2. The faculty member is responsible for notifying appropriate agency personnel at the time of the event.
3. The faculty member will counsel the student verbally and in writing regarding the incident. A copy of the Incident Report Form will be forwarded to the SON Director. The form will then be placed in the student's permanent file.

Form: Incident Report Form