**Needle Stick and Blood and Body Fluid Policy and Procedure**

—This policy applies to all School of Medicine students.—

**Background**

In keeping with Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) element 12.8, this document outlines the education of medical students about exposure prevention; the procedures for care and treatment after exposure; the definition of financial responsibility in care and treatment; and the effects of infectious and environmental disease or disability on learning.

**Policy**

1. Students are introduced to the concept of infection control and work-related exposure during their first year of medical school. Education and training regarding exposures will be updated annually throughout the School of Medicine.
2. All exposures to human blood and body fluids are to be reported immediately to the School of Medicine’s Student Health Services (https://studenthealth.med.wustl.edu/), which maintains a 24-hour reporting system. Students, including visiting students, must contact Student Health Services between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to report an exposure to blood and/or bodily fluid. The main contact number is 314-362-3523, and the after-hours contact number is 314-871-2966.
3. There are standardized protocols for exposures at the School of Medicine that involve HIV, HBV and HCV (please see below).
4. The financial coverage of the evaluation and treatment is fully covered by Student Health Services.
5. Students who are infected with any other potentially transmissible disease will not be excluded from participating in patient care activities or restricted in their access to patient care services or facilities because of their health status, unless medically based judgments in individual cases establish that exclusion or restriction is appropriate for the welfare of patients, the welfare of other members of the patient care community, or the welfare of the individual. Please refer to the School of Medicine Technical Standards for the Medical Program (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/medicine/policies/md-technical-standards/) for additional information.

**Procedures**

**Always Wear Personal Protective Equipment!**