

Incident Reporting

The student shall notify their immediate preceptor at their rotation site and MSA Program Manager about an exposure to potentially harmful material (e.g., blood) as soon as possible and follow any established protocol at the learning/clinical site for initial evaluation. Details of the report should include:

1. The date and time of exposure
2. Clinical Site, location, and unit information
3. Details of how the exposure occurred
4. Details of the type and severity of the exposure
5. Details about the source patient (i.e., post-exposure management, previous vaccinations, current HIV, HBV, HCV status)

In addition, students should complete and submit an MCW accident/injury report accessible via link below:

https://mcwisc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cA85RxkvSeFi85v

If an incident report was filed at the rotation site, a copy of this must be sent to Froedtert Occupational Health (iohfroedtert@froedtert.com), and MSA Program Manager to be maintained in the student's file.

The student may need an appointment at Occupational Health Services or their specific clinical rotation site for lab work and follow up for post-exposure prophylaxis. The student should inform the MSA Program Manager, to coordinate this effort and arrange for follow up at Occupational Health Services when necessary.

The preceptor or appropriate institutional representative should obtain consent from the source patient for appropriate laboratory testing (i.e., HIV, HBV, and HCV status).

Students should receive post-exposure prophylaxis within hours of the exposure per CDC recommendations, if the status of the source patient is deemed high risk or if there is uncertainty of the source patient's status. If the patient is deemed high risk, the student should seek medical attention at the nearest available facility that can provide such care and inform the MSA Program Manager and Occupational Health Services of this risk.

Some clinical sites will provide post-exposure care to students at no charge. However, some clinical sites may not cover post-exposure care or only cover a portion of the care that is required. If care is not covered by the site, a student may elect to use their personal health insurance to cover the cost of post-exposure care. Students must check with their insurance carrier to see if exposure to blood or bodily fluids is covered under their specific plan.

Contact Information

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*It is recommended students contact Dan via his cell phone. Call if during the hours of 7am-8pm. Text first and then call if outside of those hours.