

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Needlestick and Body Fluid Exposures Policy

Acknowledgement Form

Facility Responsibilities

In the event a student sustains a needlestick, sharps puncture, or other exposure to body fluids, the facility will ensure that the student is able to follow UTHSCSA guidelines that are outlined in the *Needlestick and Body-Fluid Exposures Policy for UTHSCSA students.* An Executive Summary of the guidelines is provided below. The guidelines stipulate that:

1. Ensure the student will be able to seek post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) within 2 hours of exposure after the needle stick, sharps puncture, or body fluids exposure.
 - a. If within 30-45 minutes from San Antonio, the student obtains post exposure care from the UTHSCSA Student Health Clinic or University Hospital Emergency Room
 - b. If more than 30-45 minutes from San Antonio, the student obtains post exposure care from the nearest emergency room or health care facility that can and will provide these services.
2. The facility will provide the student with the name, address, and phone number of the nearest health care facility or emergency room that can provide post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) care. Please indicate this information below.

PEP Facility Name _____

PEP Facility Address _____

PEP Facility Phone Number: () _____

3. The PEP facility will provide appropriate counseling at the time of the incident.

Student Responsibilities

1. The student receives PEP treatment within 2 hours of the exposure.
 - a. If within 30-45 minutes from San Antonio, the student obtain post exposure care from the UTHSCSA Student Health Clinic or University Hospital Emergency Room

 - b. If more than 30-45 minutes from San Antonio, the student obtains post exposure care from the nearest emergency room or health care facility that can and will provide these services.

2. The student will seek follow-up counseling from the UTHSCSA Student Health Clinic.
3. The student will complete and submit to the Student Health Clinic an incident report form.
4. Cost: If the protocol as outlined by the policy guidelines is followed, costs of services received at the UTHSCSA Student Health Clinic will be paid by the UTHSCSA, up to \$500. The cost of care at another facility will also be paid by UTHSCSA, but only for the services received on the date of exposure, and only until further care can be obtained from the UTHSCSA Student Health Clinic, up to a maximum of \$500.
5. The student will fax the completed and signed acknowledge form to the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education no later than the first day of the clinical rotation.

I indicate by my signature that I have read, understand, and been given a copy of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's (UTHSCSA) Needlestick and Body Fluid Exposures Policy. I certify with my signature my understanding and agreement to comply with the stated policy.

Student
Signature _____ Date _____

Clinical Instructor
Signature _____ Date _____

****This form must be faxed back to the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education on the first day of clinical rotation.**