

## MEMORANDUM TO THE PHYSICIAN

Date:

Re: Bloodborne pathogen potential exposure

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\_\_\_\_\_ is an employee of Binghamton University and has reported that he/she has received an occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM). This exposure is considered to be accidental and the employee is entitled to Worker's Compensation.

In accordance with OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) a post-exposure medical evaluation and follow-up must be conducted and include the following elements:

1. Documentation of the routes of exposure and how the exposure occurred. A Binghamton University accident report covering this exposure is attached.
2. Identification and documentation of the source individual's blood or body fluid, unless it can be established that identification is infeasible or prohibited by law.
3. Obtain consent and test source individual's blood as soon as possible to determine HIV and/or HBV infectivity and document the results.
4. Provide the exposed employee with the source individual's test results and information about applicable disclosure laws and regulations concerning the source identity and infectious status.
5. After obtaining consent, collect the exposed employee's blood as soon as feasible and test the blood for HIV and HBV serological status. The results will provide a baseline for future treatments.
6. Should the employee not give consent for HIV serological testing, the baseline blood sample must be preserved for a minimum of 90 days.
7. All HIV and HBV serological testing, counseling, and safe and effective post-exposure prophylaxis should follow current recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Service.

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In order to comply with the record keeping requirement of the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard, Binghamton University is requesting that a copy of all applicable medical records and the required physician's written opinion be sent to:

Dr. Michael E. Leonard, M.D., Medical Director  
Binghamton University Health Services  
Binghamton University  
P.O. Box 6000  
Binghamton, NY 13902-6000

We have enclosed a copy of the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) and a patient release of medical information form for your use. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie E. Corey  
Associate Director, Environmental Health and Safety

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